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Senate report gives PLO high marks

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OTTAWA —

A Senate committee report falls short of recommending Canada's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization, but gives a picture of the PLO as being a "relatively democratic" umbrella body moving since the late 1970s to more moderate positions that has done much in the social field to improve the lot of the Palestinians.

The report of the Senate standing committee on foreign affairs on Canada's relations with the countries of the Middle East and North Africa states that it is "not perusaded on balance that Canada should proceed to recognize the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people."

The committee does believe though that the "vast majority of Palestinians look on the PLO as their principal representative" in part due to Israel's refusal of political rights to Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza. The report also says the PLO has "contributed to the maintenance of Palestinian self-respect and indentity."

The Canadian public's perception of the PLO has been dominated by its military and terrorist activities, according to the report, but "in fact the PLO operates as an umbrella organization, encompassing trade unions, women's associations and professional associations. It has built schools and kindergartens, hospitals and clinics, factories and publishing houses."

The report does recommend that the Canadian government continue its contacts with the PLO at their present level and frequency, as well as its policy of admitting PLO members to Canada for United Nations-sponsored conferences.

The report is opposed to "upgrading" PLO contacts, but suggests more flexibility in policy.

The report notes that the committee was considering

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...and one assistant

2 Jews in Ontario cabinet

By
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TORONTO —

The swearing in of the first Liberal government in Ontario in over 40 years was a BYOB — Bring Your Own Bible — affair.

And two of those Bibles were Tanachs (Jewish Bibles) as Elinor Caplan and Monte Kwinter assumed their portfolios in Premier David Peterson's new cabinet.

Caplan held a Bible she received almost 25 years ago when she graduated as a Sunday school teacher, as she was sworn in as minister of government services, chairman of the cabinet and chairman of the management board before approximately 7,000 people who packed the Queen's Park grounds.

Kwinter, who represents Wilson Heights, wore a blue velvet kipa as he took his oath of office as minister of consumer and corporate relations.

Later, he joked that he had considered wearing a red one — to match his Liberal red tie — but had decided against it "because I might have been mistaken for a cardinal. (Cardinals of the Roman Catholic church wear red skullcaps.)

The third Jewish member of the Liberal caucus,

Monte Kwinter

Elinor Caplan

Steven Offer, MPP for Mississauga North, was named Kwinter's parliamentary assistant.

Caplan and Kwinter were not the only Jewish members of a provincial Liberal cabinet present at

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Nurgitz calls Mideast report offensive, ill-deserved rhetoric

OTTAWA —

Senator Nathan Nurgitz has denounced the Senate foreign affairs committee's report on the Middle East as "ill-deserved rhetoric" in its treatment of the Arab-Israeli conflict that is "offensive" to the Jewish community.

The Canada-Israel Committee issued a statement calling the report "misleading and ill-considered" and its recommendations "at best, banal."

"The Senate committee's account of the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict is distorted and renders useless most of the report's analysis and policy recommendations," said the CIC.

"I sincerely regret the manner in which the reference mandated to the foreign affairs committee has been horribly abused," Nurgitz said in the Senate. The Progressive Conservative senator from Winnipeg stated that committee chairman George van Roggen had said at the time the upper chamber received the reference from the House of Commons in June, 1982, that the aim of the study would not be to propose a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Its purpose was, Nurgitz said, to address "the overall relationship between Canada and the Middle East from the points of view of trade, diplomatic representation, immigration and other matters involving the countries of that part of the world."

The study has instead "evolved as an abortive Camp David North and contributes very little in proportionate terms to the overall relationship between Canada and the Middle East."

Nurgitz deplored the isolation of himself and Senator Jerry Grafstein in their opposition to the report.

The CIC said the fundamental cause of the Arab-Israeli dispute is the Arab countries' refusal, with the exception of Egypt, to accept the existence of the State of Israel.

"The Senate committee ignores this reality, preferring instead to rationalize Arab rejection of Israel," It called "especially shocking" the report's portrayal of the PLO as "some sort of frustrated, but essentially democratic organization."

Nurgitz was the only senator who commented on the report after it was tabled. He adjourned the debate, which means only he can reopen any debate on the report at the next sitting of the Senate.

Patrilinealism issue

Reform hears RA appeal

MINNEAPOLIS —

Reform rabbis attending the recent annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis were asked to reverse their stand on recognizing both the father and the mother of a mixed marriage and return to the traditional Jewish position accepted by Orthodox and Conservative Judaism which acknowledges only the lineage of the mother.

Rabbi Jack Stern of Scarsdale, NY, was elected CCAR president, succeeding Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Toronto.

In an unusual appearance at the meeting, Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, representing 1,200 Conservative rabbis internationally, cautioned the Reform leaders that "if patrilinealism remains in place, then Conservative rabbis might have to question the Jewish status of someone from a sister movement and we will be confronted with a cleavage in Jewish life that can threaten the survival of the Jewish people both here and in Israel."

Shapiro pleaded with the CCAR members to "reopen the issue. I have been told that nothing in the Reform movement is ever cast in stone." He added that "our understanding of the reality is that patrilinealism is not considered by you to be a blanket notion — rather it assumes that the Jewish child will find modes of affirmation of his Jewishness."

The rabbi called for Conservative and Reform Judaism to form a joint commission to deal with the problems of intermarriage "in those areas where cooperation is possible." He felt that intermarriages face many problems such as the basic tensions in such a union, educating children Jewishly, the stress confronted by the parents and grandparents and the involvement of such couples in the Jewish community.

"I hope that this commission could function under the common banner of matrilinealism on the one hand while simultaneously seeking to reach out to every child born of mixed marriage in a context which is open, sympathetic and deeply understanding of the human issues that are involved."

Shapiro told the CCAR members that despite theological and halachic differences, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism can find ways to deal with common problems facing Jewish life, including social action questions. He made a similar assertion at an address before members of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Orthodox rabbinic association last April.

As he proposed to the Orthodox rabbis, Shapiro urged the CCAR to participate in the establish-

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Proposal to drop service turned down by CCAR

MINNEAPOLIS (JTA) —

Delegates to the 96th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), last week rejected by a voice vote a proposal made by the CCAR president, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, at the annual convention that the late Friday evening service, long established in Reform Judaism, be eliminated "as the centrepiece of Reform religious expression."

The outgoing CCAR president proposed that Reform rabbis encourage congregants to observe a traditional Sabbath dinner at home on Friday evening and then attend worship services on Saturday morning.

Many of the delegates expressed vigorous objections to the idea in debate following the Plaut address. When the matter came to a vote, the strength of the opposition shocked Plaut so much that a motion was approved to refer his proposal, without recommendation, to the CCAR committee on Reform Jewish Practices.

In proposing the elimination of Friday evening service, a Reform staple for more than 100 years, Rabbi Plaut said low attendance at Friday evening services indicated that "our people are telling us something by their very absence." Many of the delegates disputed Rabbi Plaut's analysis.

He said he opposed having the rabbis expend their energy "on the self-defeating enterprise of organizing a Friday night service measured not by its intensity of prayer but by the number who come to attend it."

He proposed also that the synagogue should be redirected into a "Bet Midrash" (house of study) where Jews go to study. He emphasized that Jews should lead a life of good deeds and thus the chief good deed (mitzvah) is not "come to the synagogue" but rather to "lead a Jewish life."

Israel looks for answers to solve economic woes

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai has confirmed long-standing rumors that the government will take over running the economy unilaterally after the current wage-price freeze package deal officially expires in August. Alternative economic measures will be needed, Modai said in an Army Radio interview.

Many Israelis, including leading economists, say the package deal is already, for all practical purposes, dead. It is the second wage-price freeze package worked out between the government, Histadrut and the employers and manufacturers' associations. The first took effect last November and expired in February. The current measures were instituted in March. The aim of both freeze packages was to curb a 3-digit inflation rate.

But inflation is expected to soar by 25% when June figures are in, and the general economy continues to deteriorate. Treasury officials have been holding late night consultations with economic experts from the public sector and academia, giving rise to rumors that the government is preparing a new, large scale economic program to cope with the situation.

Once the package deal period is over "we shall not be able to leave things in the air," Modai said. When administrative controls over prices, a key component of the package deal, are lifted, he said, the government will have to use its prerogatives to run the economy unilaterally. One measure that can be expected is further cuts in the national budget, Modai said, noting that three months into the current fiscal year "we have already deviated from the original budget."

Modai said he was trying to run an economic policy as he saw fit but was exhausting his powers as finance minister because of lack of support from his fellow ministers. He has complained frequently in recent months that he has been unable to institute necessary measures to end the present crisis because he was blocked in the cabinet.

He admitted that Premier Shimon Peres usually backed his policies. But sometimes he compromised and there is no room for compromise in the present situation, Modai said.

Meanwhile Eli Hurwitz, president of the Manufacturers Association, told the Knesset finance committee that the various package deals have exhausted themselves. He said the manufactureres were determined to throw off the burden at the beginning of August.

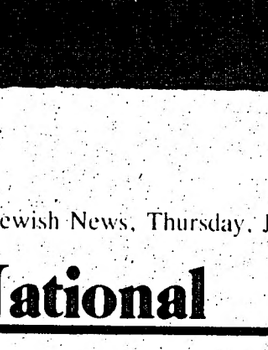
The government's economic policies also came under attack from Yisrael Kessar, secretary-general of Histadrut. He said the government was responsible for the lack of control over prices which was one of the principles of the package deal.

World-National

Israel's swap of prisoners still puzzles

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

No event stands alone, and certainly not the TWA hostage outrage. For that reason, thoughtful people all over the world are still puzzled by the prisoner exchange which was concluded a few weeks before — and which preceded the recent events — when 1,150 Arabs convicted of murder or other acts of terrorism were exchanged for three Israelis. The Israelis had been held by Ahmed Jibril's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine because they could be used in order to effect a trade. It is fair to say that 18 months ago when the negotiations began, Israel had not expected the trade to include convicted murderers who are now free to ply their craft again. To many Israelis this seems the more puzzling since the exchange comes at a time when a number of Israeli men are being tried in Israeli courts for murder and terror against Arabs. Their trial is going ahead while their declared enemies against whom they fought have been released, the critics say. (The linkage is, however, not compelling. The prisoner exchange deals with saving the lives of three soldiers; the terror trials are maintaining a system of law and order in Israel.)


Rabbi Plaut

Predictably, the discussion over this unprecedented exchange has been vigorous, to say the least, and especially so on the West Bank where Jewish settlers feel exposed to another onslaught by the very people who, having assaulted them once before, are now free to do so again.

The question then is: why did the Israeli government agree to their admittedly dangerous release? Answers will necessarily have to be somewhat speculative:

1. The most obvious is the Jewish attitude toward freeing one's own nationals who are in enemy hands. Pidyon shevuyim is a long-standing tradition, a religious obligation.

2. Another reason advanced is that Israel's governing politicians had become personally involved with the families of the Jewish captives and ultimately came to see their release through the eyes of the families, rather than from the cold perspective of detached statesmanship.

3. Hirsh Goodman, defence analyst, suggests that it was an act of political weakness. Israel ran out of options; it was committed to redeem the prisoners but could do it only at an outrageous price. The danger was that Jibril would kill his captives one by one.

4. The exchange was approved because the Israelis feel that they can now secure their borders adequately, since the infrastructure of the Palestine Liberation Organization has been destroyed.

5. It was a gesture for peace, meant to encourage moderate Arabs in the West Bank as much as King Hussein of Jordan.

The fascinating aspect of the debate is that with the exception of six ultra-nationalists, the entire Israel Knesset approved the exchange, a kind of near unanimity rarely achieved in other aspects of Israeli politics.

The fallout from this exchange is of course severe. Will future anti-Israeli terrorists now know that in the long run they will be freed, if only some Israelis can be snatched and kept in custody? Has the vaunted Israeli harshness towards terror, both internal and external, been permanently breached to the detriment of the world's anti-terrorist resolve? Perhaps. Yet the act remains as a gesture of humanity in a world in which such gestures are all too rare.

Airport synagogue

BRUSSELS [JTA] —

The first synagogue at any European airport was dedicated at Brussels International Airport last week by the minister of communications, Herman de Croo, who said it symbolized Belgium's respect for freedom of religion, especially at an airport which is a crossroads of people of all faiths.

The 50-seat synagogue is located in the main terminal near the Catholic and Protestant chapels, the duty-free gift shops and VIP lounge.

Brussels Airport is an important transit centre for flights between the United States and Israel.

1967 lines "left Israel's heartland exposed"

Study backs Israel's security stance

WASHINGTON —

The West Bank and Gaza are vital to Israel's security, says a new American Israel Affairs Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) study detailing the role the territories play in reducing the military and terrorist threats against the Jewish state.

These security issues would need to be addressed in the course of peace negotiations, write Mideast experts Sara M. Averick and Steven J. Rosen in a new monograph, The Importance of the West Bank and Gaza to Israel's Security.

The study points out that "adequate security arrangements are central to the furthering of the peace process," because "Israel depends on defensible borders to compensate for the overwhelming numerical superiority of its adversaries" and "no state can be expected to accept any arrangement that does not provide security for its people.

"Anyone now proposing to move Israel's frontier back to the old line without eroding the security of the Jewish state faces an objective problem of enormous magnitude."

Supporting their case with American and Israeli documents, public opinion polls, and military and geographic analysis, the authors explore five deficiencies of the pre-1967 border in defending against conventional military attack. The old borders "lacked strategic depth, pinching Israel to a narrow waist only nine miles from Jordanian positions to the sea;" "left Israel's heartland exposed to Arab artillery;" and "left Arab forces in the hills and Israeli targets in the flatlands below."

Further, the border "consisted of long, difficult-to-defend boundaries" and "provided no terrain obstacles to separate Israel from hostile Arab states."

Thus, the analysts argue, "Israel must control the key strategic positions in the West Bank or suffer an erosion of its capability to defend against Arab attack."

Not only were the borders inadequate to defend against military attack, they were deficient in protecting against terrorist attack because "the line was difficult to patrol, [due to] its length and character . . . [and] offered infiltrators easy passage and good cover."

In addition, "Arab villages near the line offered potential sanctuary to infiltrators;" "the terrorist base areas were close to Jewish population centres;" and "the Arab side of the line offered an ideal launching platform for rocket attacks, making the entire country a frontier."

Further, with the new borders, Israel has been able to institute anti-terror measures to curb terrorist activity in the territories — measures that were not possible under the old borders.

"Hypothetical alternatives to Israeli counterterror forces do exist, but in every case the challenges that would have to be met by the Arab side are far greater than is widely believed."

For example, "the authority performing counterterror functions must have a strong commitment to carry out onerous tasks in the face of criticism from the Arab world, and the security forces themselves must be capable and diligent." At present, it seems unlikely that any Arab authority would be both willing and able to carry out the task.

The study extensively examines the obstacles the post-1967 lines present to an attacker. The present boundary between Israel and Jordan is the sparsely-populated Rift Valley of the Jordan River, a natural barrier between the mountain tops controlled by the two sides. The river itself serves as a second barrier to attack. Fordable in only a few places, it channels an attack into a few narrow corridors, easily disrupted by fire from defenders in the mountain tops.

To the west of the Rift Valley, the mountains of Judea and Samaria serve as yet another barrier.

Before 1967, the Jordanian army controlled the Judean and Samarian hills. The Israelis were in the plains below, with no barriers to separate the two sides.

The lack of natural barriers was especially dangerous because, under the old borders, Israel had "no room to absorb an enemy first strike, and no room to mobilize a citizen army."

"There has been a drastic reduction of terrorist incidents inside Israel's borders since it came into possession of the territories, and Israel's eastern shield against Arab conventional forces is now a formidable barrier . . . For these reasons," the study argues, "no government of Israel could agree to go back to the old situation. Nor would the United States.

"Overall," the study concludes, "the prospects for alternative security arrangements in the West Bank and Gaza are not promising. For this reason, the great majority of Israelis of all political persuasions, and most American friends of Israel who want to see the Jewish state safe and secure, believe that Israel itself must protect its own security in these areas until and unless very fundamental changes take place in the surrounding Arab world."

Reagan pleases Tunisian

By
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WASHINGTON —

Tunisia's veteran President Habib Bourguiba said here recently he is "personally gratified" that his and U.S. President Ronald Reagan's views are "so close" towards "the Israeli-Palestinian" situation.

Speaking in French through an interpreter after their meeting at the White House, Bourguiba said he supported "the free choice of the Palestinian people," on what they "deem most appropriate to recover their legitimate rights." He said he continues to favor a United Nations approach to a settlement as he did 20 years ago. The Arabs, he claimed, have given their support for this route and it "now remains for Israel to pursue a peaceful policy."

Preceding Bourguiba's remarks, Reagan said they had discussed "the efforts to maintain momentum towards a regional peace" and Bourguiba's "constructive approach to ending the turmoil that has plagued the region for decades.

"Taking the steps"

"We hope you will again use your influence to support those who are taking the steps necessary for direct negotiations based on United Nations Council Resolutions 242 and 338," Reagan publicly told Bourguiba. "The goal of this administration," Reagan added, is peace with provision for the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the security of all states, including Israel."

Reagan opposes a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza, preferring that those areas become federated with Jordan. His reference to "direct negotiations" appears to conflict with Bourguiba's position that would entail an international conference.

After Reagan had completed his remarks, Bourguiba said to him, "You said nothing of the aid you promised me." This comment was not included in the translation.

Ugly cloak of apathy kept the "Angel of Death" hidden

By
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WASHINGTON —

In 1941, during the German occupation of Czechoslovakia, a woman of Jewish birth divorced her Christian husband in order to reassert her religious identity. She was soon deported to the ghetto of Terezin, and in 1943 volunteered to escort a shipment of Jewish children to Auschwitz. There the sister of Franz Kafka perished.

It is likely that while at Auschwitz Ottla Kafka met Josef Mengele. He could often be found at the railroad landing, separating those who would be gassed immediately from those who would die later. It is also likely that this exceptional woman would have seen him for what he was: a bureaucrat of death, the sort her brother described in his classic and prophetic novel, The Trial.

Now it appears that Mengele is dead. There is convincing testimony that he drowned in 1979 which would mean that since then the world has been hunting a ghost. Reward money has been stacked upon reward money, over $3 million of it. But the quarry may be nothing but cracked bones and a skull tossed nonchalantly from a grave by a digger with a fine sense of the appropriate. He forgot only to spit.

In the last several years, Mengele has become the personification of evil, the man who along with others supposedly rose above the system to control it. This is the view of Nazism that President Reagan expounded in defence of his Bitburg trip. He made it seem as if the Mengele of Germany had somehow taken over their country by force, when, in fact, it was the souls of their people they occupied. Historically, the country happened to be Germany, but it could have been another — France, the Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. The list of accessories to the Holocaust is long.

Now there are even more accessories. At least three families sheltered Mengele during his stay in Brazil. At least two of them knew his identity and did nothing — alerting no officials, demanding no accounting. It's possible that Mengele's own son visited him at least once — maybe more. And it seems likely that a representative of the Mengele family firm went to Brazil at least once to either provide Mengele with funds or, even, settle a dispute.

Once again, many people were involved — probably more than we will ever know. Once again, evil flourished not because it was so clever, but because so many people were either apathetic or cooperative.

An alliance of governments, united in apathy, for years did nothing. Obvious suspects — employees of the family firm, for crying out loud — supplied money. Mengele's years in Brazil were out of no movie. He did not live in some remote jungle village, succored by an underground network of former Nazis — the notorious Odessa organization — but instead ended his days in a suburb of Sao Paulo, maybe getting a kind of pension from the family firm. He even went for a swim.

Kafka would have appreciated the ludicrously prosaic circumstances of Mengele's life and death. But most of all, he would have appreciated its absurdity — how Mengele was hunted and yet not hunted; how a mass murderer lived out his days as a South American suburbanite; how, as the world sought him to put him on trial, he died a meaningless death by drowning.

In Franz Kafka's The Trial, the almost nameless Joseph K. dies for committing an unspecified crime, maybe one of just being. In real life, that is why Kafka's youngest sister died — nameless, certainly, to her killers. Her death, tragic but logically absurd, is now said to be the work of Mengele — he and a few others like him. It was, however, the work of countless people who together made up a system in which murder was bureaucratized. Mengele did personify evil but the larger evil, as Kafka prophetically wrote, was a state apparatus in which everybody, including murderers, punched the clock.

The irony in the Mengele tale is not that he and a member of the Kafka family might have met, but that the brother, Franz, had already captured its essence — murder as routine, an escape made possible by indifference and a pointless death.

If you want to know how the "Angel of Death" could have died in this particularly Kafkaesque way, it was because he was the waking reality of Kafka's nightmare. He could rely always upon the apathy of strangers.

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"Didn't pull any punches"

Seniors show strength as Wilson eats humble pie

By
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OTTAWA —

In an embarrassing about face, Finance Minister Michael Wilson has canceled partial deindexing of Old Age Security payments.

Little more than a month ago, as he made the proposal in his first budget, Wilson was claiming that seniors were willing to do their share to cut the deficit.

But a storm of protest erupted inside and outside the House of Commons — and even within the privacy of the Tory caucus — as enraged seniors fought back with petitions and demonstrations.

Last week, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney summoned his finance minister to lunch.

Humble pie was on the menu.

The following day, Wilson rose in the House to announce that "Old Age Security payments will remain fully indexed to the consumer price index."

Only two days earlier, a delegation of 43 Toronto-area seniors, representing 12 organizations with a combined membership of nearly 1,000,000, took a bus to Ottawa to tell the finance minister what they thought of his budget proposal.

Said Joyce King, president of the 300,000 member United Senior Citizens of Ontario (USCO), "We expressed our thoughts in a dignified manner, but we didn't pull any punches."

Their prepared statement made it clear that they would be satisfied with nothing less than full indexation.

A number of government sources had floated the idea of providing additional funds to the poorest seniors — those who have declared poverty in order to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

This, the statement said, would be "unacceptable" because it violates the principle of universality.

At first, the Toronto delegation thought they would be unable to meet with Wilson, who was supposed to attend a international meeting of finance ministers in Japan.

But he canceled his trip and put the seniors on his agenda.

However, only six members of the delegation were invited to meet with Wilson.

In an apparent attempt to avoid the media, the room was changed at the last minute, and reporters who did find the meeting were asked to leave.

His staffers had no illusions about what was happening behind the closed conference room doors.

Answering an inquiry about the minister's whereabouts, one was overheard to say, "He's being barbecued in there."

Wilson was tight-lipped afterwards, repeating only that "I'm flexible and I'm listening."

But the six delegates who spent 45 minutes with him got no indication that he was about to back down.

He was "adamant and arrogant," said King.

"The interview was a masterpiece of evasion."

They complained that he quoted budget figures to them and raised the spectre of insufficient funds to pay for social services in the future if the deficit is not controlled.

When Wilson asked what they would do to solve the deficit problem, Jack Brodsky, chairman of the 6,000 member Association of Jewish Seniors (whose office coordinated the trip) said that he had an answer ready.

"You were in the opposition," Brodsky said he told Wilson. "You criticized (the government); you made election promises.

"You are supposed to do what you promised."

(As the protests mounted, both seniors and the opposition parties have frequently referred to Mulroney's reference to the universality of social programs as a "sacred trust" and to his election promise to restore full indexing of pensions.)

Wilson also disputed the claim of the seniors' organizations that as a result of budget provisions, including increased sales tax on items such as over-the-counter drugs, 200,000 seniors will fall below the poverty line by 1990.

Wearing his World War II decorations, Cyril Magrill, president of Toronto's Bernard Betel Centre for seniors, looks at the wreath laid on Parliament Hill to protest OAS deindexation. [Patricia Rucker photo]

(The figure has been confirmed as realistic by a consultant for the non-partisan Canadian Council on Social Development.)

Ray Applebaum of the Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario came out of the meeting feeling that "Michael Wilson is not sensitive to the needs of the poor elderly, nor to how close to the poverty line thousands of others are living."

The prospect of bouncing pension checks was also raised in a meeting with Michael Hatfield, special assistant to Jake Epp, minister of national health and welfare.

If the seniors were angered by their meetings with government representatives, they received a sympathetic ear from the two federal opposition parties.

The delegation was met by NDP MP Neil Young, who displayed a sheaf of petitions two inches thick for TV cameras as Bill Corns of the Canadian Council of Retirees laid a symbolic wreath mourning the death of Conservative election campaign promises on full indexation at the cenotaph on Parliament Hill.

NDP leader Ed Broadbent told a press conference his party had arranged for the seniors that the NDP would take their message "directly to the floor of the House of Commons and thereby to the Prime Minister himself."

And Liberal Herb Gray, representing the Leader of the Opposition, John Turner, told a later meeting that "all that the Conservatives expect to get from deindexing seniors' pensions over a period of years is exactly what they're going to give away" through the total exemption on capital gains of up to $500,000 also announced in the recent federal budget.

Turner himself was in Toronto, addressing a crowd of angry seniors in Nathan Phillips Square on the deindexation issue.

And during question period in the House, Broadbent and Young, together with a number of their Liberal colleagues, kept up the pressure on Wilson, insisting that full indexing be restored before the House rose for the summer vacation.

The next day, the Liberals threatened to delay borrowing legislation, which would prevent the House from rising for the summer, if the pension question was not resolved before the vacation.

As the government found itself more and more on the defensive until it finally caved in to seniors' demands, it was clear that in Canadian politics, gray power had come of age.

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Living Halacha

By
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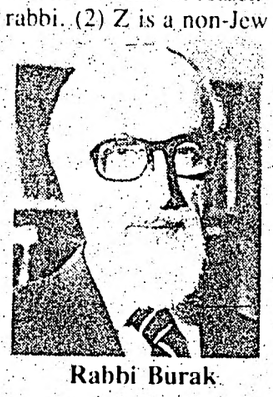
QUESTION: Over the years, when the Israeli government discusses the question "Who is a Jew?" it raises a storm of controversy. Why?

For some people, conversion poses no problems. They have a syllogism that follows a line of reasoning like this: (1) Y is a rabbi. (2) Z is a non-Jew converted to Judaism by Y. (3) Z is now a Jew entitled to all the rights and privileges appertaining to that degree. If you accept such a syllogism, you have no trouble with this problem.



Rabbi Burak

The authorities, however, before they admit the convert to all those rights and privileges, want to know something about the quality and the standards of the man who was in charge of the conversion. For instance: down in Florida, there is a clergyman who drives a Rolls, advertises in the newspapers that he does conversions, advertises the date of his next conversion ceremony, and on that date he takes a group of people down to the beach so that an ocean wave can pass over them . . . and they are converted. Should Israel recognize that conversion?

You wouldn't be too happy with that work of art.

Sunday services

Let's take a look at another case. A very distinguished temple had its services on Sunday. On Saturday it was closed for the Jewish holiday. On Sunday it was open. The rabbi of that temple converted people to Judaism. Should his conversions be honored? Did he know what he was doing? What did he ask the convert to accept, Saturday or Sunday?

I know a rabbi who spoke with kings and presidents on behalf of his people. His public relations work was excellent. Here's what he did for Judaism. Since he had no synagogue, he hired one of New York's great halls for all the Sundays of the year. Shabbes was on Sunday. Passover, Shavuoth, and Succoth were all on Sunday. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were on Sunday. His sermons were magnificent. Still, should we honor the conversions of a man who had no Shabbes, no Yom Tov, and no Torah?

Have I taken you too far back? Not really. All these things have taken place during my days. You will reply that things have changed, and that, therefore, I should not bring into this discussion the laxities of the past. Good point. Suppose you tell me how things have changed. Have they changed for the better? Just a little while ago, the CCAR, by the fiat of its convention, ruled in favor of accepting patrilineal descent.

The father who has married out of the faith proclaims that his child is Jewish and that's that. The child does not need to be converted. That's almost in line with the breathtaking ruling given by St. Paul that circumcision and the observance of the ceremonial laws were not required by his new religion. This patrilineal doctrine is so attractive, and the needs of the hour are so great, that even some members of the Rabbinical Assembly wanted it brought in. Fortunately it was rejected by the RA.

Key ingredient

The key ingredient in the best conversions is kabbalat ha-mitzvot, the acceptance of the commandments. The convert must be prepared to live by the Jewish code. For someone who converts in order to marry, what happens after marriage? What happens when the romance is over and it's time for a divorce? Do they remain Jews?

Chief Rabbi Goren shlita, in the volume he published on the famous brother and sister problem, appended a social worker's report on the life of their mother's first husband, the Polish convert. The social worker had reported that the gentleman lived in a non-Jewish quarter, ate the forbidden foods, and continued to speak Polish and not Hebrew. There's a Jew for you.

When a young woman who had studied Judaism before her conversion had the gerut carried out by a competent Beth Din, and whose wedding was solemnized by an eminent rav, came before the Beth Din founded by Rav Gedalia Felder shlita for her get, I asked her what would happen to her Judaism. The reply was: "It will be dear to my heart."

I had hoped she would say: "I remain a Jewess."

Spars with Crown attorney

Keegstra under cross-examination

(CP and staff)

RED DEER, Alta. — Cross-examination of James Keegstra got under way last week and quickly assumed an atmosphere of confrontation in which the former Eckville school teacher frequently sparred with Crown attorney Bruce Fraser.

In a wide-ranging series of questions, Fraser probed Keegstra's religious beliefs, source material for his conspiracy "theory" and his own scholastic record at university in an attempt to trip up Keegstra in his interpretations of history.

As cross-examination got under way, Keegstra admitted he taught his social studies students Jews were damned for not believing in Jesus Christ. He said the Bible taught him those who believed in Jesus would be saved, while those who did not were condemned to hell.

God's chosen people were those who accepted Jesus Christ, Keegstra added. (Throughout his testimony, Keegstra claimed Jews were not the chosen people because modern Ashkenazi Jews weren't the racial descendants of Abraham.)

"By your own definition, Jews are of the Devil," Fraser suggested.

"That's not my definition," Keegstra responded. "That's what the scriptures say and I believe the scriptures."

Keegstra, 51, is charged with wilfully promoting hatred against Jews while a high school teacher from 1978-82 in Eckville, about 50 kms. west of here.

Throughout the previous 11 weeks of trial, Keegstra and many of the 23 student witnesses confirmed the former teacher presented a course in world history which taught Jews played a prominent role in subverting "Christian values," fomenting revolutions and wars and promoting values such as greed, vengeance, envy and hate.

Under the gentle prodding of defence lawyer Douglas Christie, Keegstra spent 19 days on the stand expounding his "theory" and attacking "mainstream historians," who he said were either part of the conspiracy or beholden to it for their paychecks.

Cross-examination began after a 2-day adjournment which followed completion of examination by Christie, with Fraser telling reporters his questionning would likely stretch over one or two weeks.

Fraser declined to say whether the prosecution will call evidence to rebut some of the allegations made by Keegstra, adding that would depend on the success of cross-examination. Speculation in the courthouse and previous hints from Fraser indicates witnesses are available to testify on the Talmud, the Holocaust and on Jewish history. If rebuttal evidence is called, the trial, which began April 9, could stretch past mid-July.

During his first 19 days on the stand Keegstra attributed the origins of an alleged international Jewish conspiracy to rule the world to Jewish law set out in the Talmud — man-made laws, he said, which contradicted God's law.

Fraser noted in a diagram of good and evil which Keegstra gave his students, Christianity was on the good side and so-called man-made faiths, including Judaism, were placed under evil.

Since Jews don't believe in Christ they hate Christianity and would be disposed towards a conspiracy, Keegstra said. The scriptures teach, therefore, they are damned, he added.

Fraser asked if the heaven to be reigned over by Christ on Judgment Day would be without Jews.

"If they don't believe in Christ, yes," the former school teacher stated.

Keegstra's voice was dry but steady as he sparred with Fraser. He swayed and rocked in the witness box, gesturing with his arms when making points.

Gasps and mutters from about 30 of Keegstra's supporters in the spectators' gallery punctuated Fraser's questionning. At one point, Justice John MacKenzie was forced to quell an eruption of laughter and applause after an exchange between Keegstra and Fraser.

"I'm not putting up with that kind of nonsense at all," said MacKenzie angrily. "I'm not going to have those kinds of outbursts...The jury is carrying too heavy a burden."

MacKenzie said those who wanted to be entertained should go to a movie theatre.

Under aggressive questionning Keegstra said he did not accept mainstream history books because their content was controlled by the (alleged) conspiracy.

He likened Canadian book publishing to the Soviet Union, where he said only officially accepted views are allowed and authors face economic and social sanctions for bucking the system.

"We're in a power struggle here," he said. "We're not playing tiddlywinks."

Keegstra said he relied on "independent researchers" who were not interested in fame or money but merely wanted to report the truth.

His major source was the Canadian League of Rights, affiliated with the Canadian Intelligence Service, which distributed a number of the books and pamphlets entered as defence exhibits.

Keegstra said he began teaching about the conspiracy around 1974 but may have alluded to it earlier even though the "theory" had not solidified in his mind.

He denied he was trying to indoctrinate students with his ideas, arguing they needed to know the truth to counter the material provided by what he called human secularists who had infiltrated the school system.

The students were at liberty to disagree with him, said Keegstra.

Earlier in his testimony, Keegstra told court he felt his students benefited from the views of history he presented. He claimed his students scored well in departmental exams, with average or above average scores. But under cross-examination he acknowledged none of his students had taken a departmental exam in 10 years.

They had written an achievement test, Fraser pointed out, and 79% had failed.

Referring to the content of the social studies classes, Keegstra said he taught students one reason Hitler moved against the Jews was that many would not become German citizens.

Fraser pointed out the Nazi party platform said Jews were to be deprived of their citizenship and a Nazi law passed in 1935 forbade Jews from becoming citizens.

Keegstra said he wasn't aware of the law but suspected it was a reaction to an international Jewish boycott of Germany started in 1933.

Fraser said the party's platform was set in 1920.

Visa use lifted by Irish govt.

DUBLIN [JTA] —

The Irish government is to abolish the need for visas for Israeli tourists. This was the one tangible outcome of the recent state visit by Chaim Herzog, the Irish-born President of Israel.

There is no sign, however, that the two countries are any closer to the opening of embassies on each other's soil. Israel is represented here by its ambassador to Britain, while Ireland's man in Athens is seconded to Jerusalem.

Despite its limited tangible outcome, however, the Herzog visit has clearly been a major success. A senior Irish government spokesman spoke of it having reflected the warmest friendship and having enhanced "our mutual friendship and respect."

He added: "It achieved what we intended when inviting Mr. Herzog and we will now build on it and hope it will deepen our cultural, economic and political relations."

The official said that the visit's success had in no way been reduced by the controversy over the latest incident in south Lebanon involving Irish UNIFIL personnel and members of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army.

Such differencies had been anticipated when the invitation had been made. Describing the Irish and the Israelis as outspoken people, he said that they enjoyed exceptional friendship and that it was the "family spirit that brings us together."

From Herzog's point of view, the success was evident in the crowds of applauding and smiling people who lined the streets on his walkabout through the former Jewish district of Dublin where he grew up. There was a similar, though more scattered response, all over the city as his motorcade hurtled past at high speed, causing long traffic jams.

His success was also reflected in the friendly editorials published in the main Irish newspapers on the morning of his departure with Mrs. Herzog.

The Irish Times, in a leading article, commends the Israeli President.

Describing the Irish-Israeli relationship as valuable, the paper added: "It deserves to be nourished from both sides. The President was a welcome visitor. Ireland and Israel know each other better. The exercise has to be recorded as a genuine success."

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Tony Robinson honored

Former ICJW head gets highest award

MONTREAL —

The first Canadian president of the International Council of Jewish Women, Tony Robinson, who played a major role in organizing Jewish women in South America, Iran and other isolated parts of the world, was presented recently with the Samuel Bronfman Award, Canadian Jewry's highest formal honor.

Robinson, 90, was president of the ICJW from 1957-63, previously serving as president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada from 1954-56, and president of its Montreal Section from 1946-50.

During World War II, Robinson and her late husband Justice Benjamin Robinson, a president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region chairman, were active on the committee which helped resettle European Jewish refugees, including 1,200 war orphans. One of those children, Roberta Markus, then 15, joined the Robinson family in 1947.

They also helped find sponsors for the wartime Jewish internees at prisoner of war camps in Sherbrooke, Ile aux Noix and elsewhere in Quebec.

During her presidency of the Montreal Section of the NCJW, many projects were initiated including a Golden Age Club (which first met in Robinson's home), the Boys' and Girls' Library — which continues to operate on Darlington St. — and the Thrift Shop.

The Club eventually grew into one of the Montreal Jewish community's leading agencies, the Golden Age Association. The original children's library, which was housed in the YMHA, has since become a part of the Jewish Public Library.

Robinson represented the Jewish women of Canada at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and was awarded the Centennial Medal in 1967.

In presenting the award, CJC executive chairman Dorothy Reitman said, "I have been personal witness to hearing Tony's name revered in reports given by presidents of our various international affiliates. She is extremely highly regarded by Jewish women all over the world and deservedly so."

Robinson is presently honorary president of the NCJW Montreal Section and an honorary vice president of the ICJW.

Robinson (nee Seiden) was born in Gentilly, near Trois-Rivieres, and spent the rest of her childhood in Rigaud, where the Seidens, who owned a general store, were the only Jewish family.

Convent-educated, she was one of the early women graduates of McGill University in 1917. Robinson taught French in the public school system before her marriage to Benjamin Robinson, who was named a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1960.

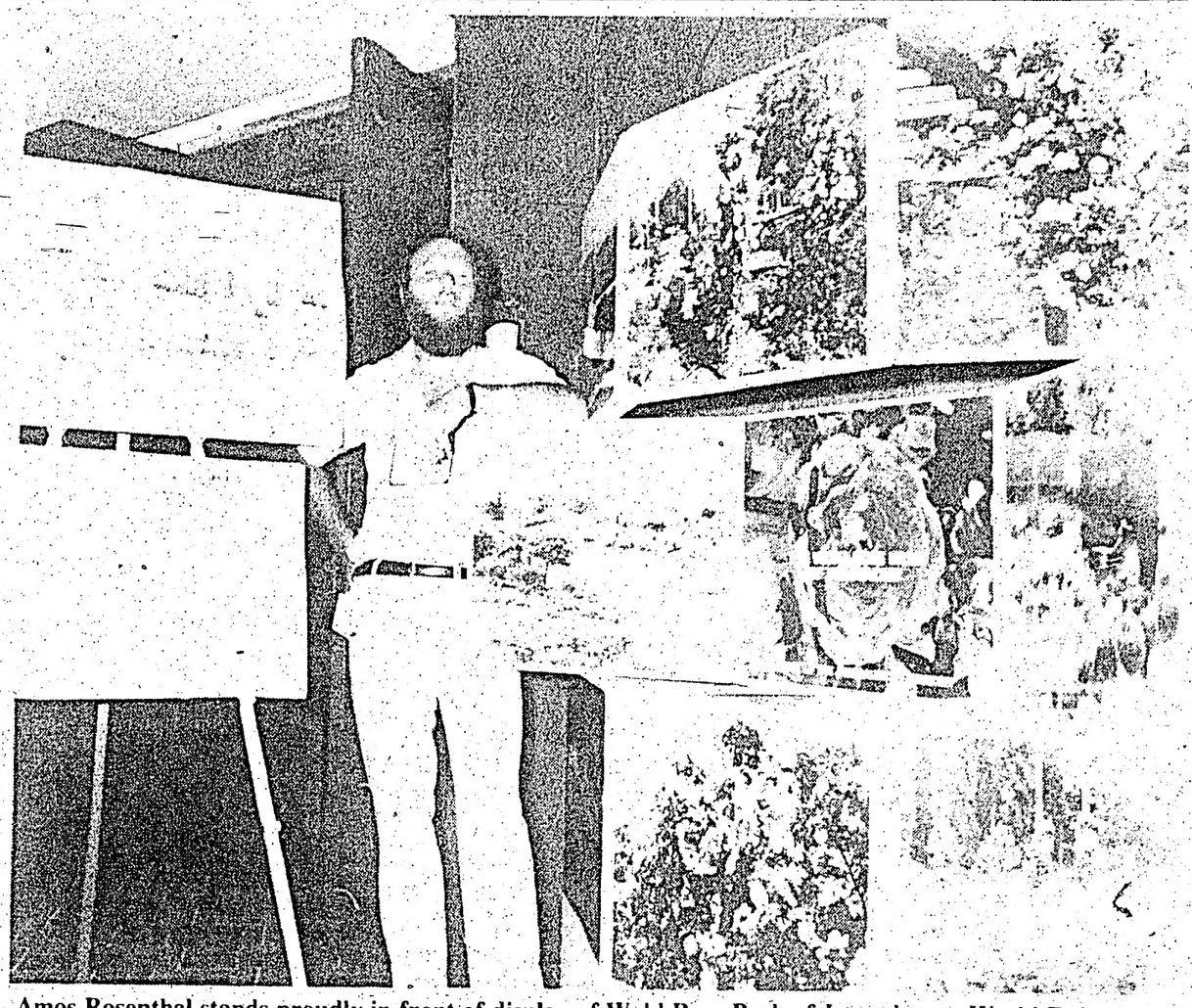
Her three children are Elaine Waddington, a medical librarian; David, vice president of the Carnegie Corp. in New York; and lawyer Jonathan.

Robinson is proud of the fact that many of the women she calls her proteges went on to leadership positions, including Reitman. "Whether we have been a member of her immediate family or have had the privilege of her friendship and comradeship in serving our community, Tony has truly set forth a role model which has been exemplary for all of us," said Reitman, a past president of the NCJW.

The Samuel Bronfman Medal was struck in 1971 and is awarded to men and women who exemplify extraordinary service to Canada and its Jewish community.

"The Jewish community has been privileged to have had the dedication of many men and women possessing the necessary vision to see our entire community in a broad, encompassing light... Our community has been blessed in having such a leader set the example that (Robinson) has over the years," said Monroe Abbey, chairman of the CJC Samuel Bronfman Award committee.

Tony Robinson is presented with the Samuel Bronfman Medal by Monroe Abbey. [Howard Kay photo]



Amos Rosenthal stands proudly in front of display of Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem at World Federation of Rose Societies convention.

Park adds to Jerusalem's beauty

Roses fill Rosenthal's life

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When Amos Rosenthal graduated with an agricultural degree from Hebrew University in Israel, he not only began working with roses, he married a woman named Shoshana, Hebrew for Rose.

Now, the Israeli born Rosenthal, 32, is director of the Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem, a 15-acre park opposite the Knesset housing more than 450 varieties of roses as well as many other kinds of flowers.

Rosenthal, in Toronto recently to attend the 7th annual convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies at the Westin Hotel, says that his aim is to make his park "the rose centre of Israel . . .

"I'd like to see over 1,000 varieties of roses in the park," Rosenthal told The CJN.

The convention was open to growers worldwide who wished to exhibit their roses. Exhibitors came from 17 countries including Australia, Argentina, South Africa and Northern Ireland as well as Canada, U.S. and Israel.

Although Rosenthal had never been to North America before he said that he is quite familiar with Canadian roses.

"A new exhibit in the park — Garden of the Nations — has an Ontario section in honor of Ontario's bicentennial," Rosenthal said.

He noted that as well as Ontario roses the Ontario section grows maple trees "in honor of Canada's famous tree."

He added that other sections of the Garden of the Nations include roses from such countries as the Netherlands, Ireland, U.S. and Poland.

Rosenthal, a soft spoken man, obviously dedicated to his work, says that he chose to work with roses "because I fell in love with their beauty."

He noted proudly that Israel exports more than 900,000 rose bushes and 45 million individual roses annually to countries around the world.

"Israel has the perfect climate for roses. We have a short winter and the temperature never goes below freezing."

As well as roses Israel exports more than 80 million other flowers annually.

Rosenthal, who visited the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton when he arrived in Canada said that he is impressed with the "beauty of Ontario gardens."

"I knew Ontario grew beautiful flowers but I am happy to see them in their homeland," he said with a chuckle.

He said that his job is very fulfiling because he is "adding to the beauty of Jerusalem.

"Nothing makes me happier than seeing tourists from around the world enjoying the beauty of the flowers."

Attempts to save Ata fail as plans to sell mills rejected

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Months of dogged efforts to save the bankrupt Ata textile mills and the nearly 2,000 jobs they provide ended when the ministerial economic committee voted to reject plans to sell the complex to a syndicate of American and Swiss investors.

The sale had been pushed strongly by Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon and Moshe Shahal, the minister of energy and infrastructure. They argued that the cost of shutting down the mills, including severance pay for its workers, would exceed the costs of keeping them running.

The agreement for sale, signed earlier in June by Sharon and the foreign principals, called for an investment of about $45 million in private capital. The government was to pay Ata's creditors notably the Bank Leumi and write off its own loans to the industry in return for an undertaking by the investors to operate the mills for at least 10 years and boost its exports.

But the economic ministers refused to ratify the sale on June 16 by a vote of 9-3, on grounds that the costs to the government were badly underestimated. Shahal and Sharon forced the full cabinet to take up the issue at its regular weekly meeting to no avail. The cabinet referred the matter back to the ministerial economic committee which upheld its earlier decision to reject the sale, this time by a vote of 8-2.

Ironically, the government which, appointed a receiver for Ata after it defaulted on its debts last year, was eagerly seeking a private buyer, if only to prevent mass unemployment in the Haifa area where Ata was the largest single employer.

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Hopefuls to depart for Maccabiah July 10

Canadian squad hopes to improve medal total

By
DAVID LAZARUS

A select contingent of 175 Canadian Jewish athletes will depart Toronto on July 10 for the 12th Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The Canadian squad — which captured third place overall with 46 medals at the 1981 Games — will strive to improve that total when its largest contingent ever competes against 4,000 other Jewish athletes from 35 countries at the 10-day competition July 15-25.

Maccabi Canada's national athletic committee — chaired by Montreal's Roy Salomon with president Gary Ulrich, Abe Luxenberg, Joey Richman, and Toronto's Bernie Offstein and Paul Brownstein — was responsible for all final selections to the Canadian team, and has earned a reputation as the organization's least-publicized and most busy arm.

The NAC has devoted the 4-year interim between Games on a virtual full-time basis and with weeks to spare — in ensuring that standards and qualifying times are met.

This meant attending and sponsoring various qualifying meets and trials across Canada and events like the 82 Memphis Youth Games in the U.S., and getting first-hand looks at all prospective competitors so they meet as high an Olympic standard as conceivably possible.

Canada will participate in 21 sporting events, as well as the first Junior Maccabiah (a Canadian NAC inspiration), with 17 youngsters entered. New events for Canada include lawn bowling, rhythmic gymnastics, ladies golf, squash, sailboarding, and badminton.

Here is a complete list of events Canada will compete in, sport by sport, plus the prospects.

BADMINTON — There was no badminton at the 1981 Games. Canada here is an unknown quantity with its 2-man team. Who knows?

BASKETBALL — Coached by York University's Bob Bain, tops in Canada, the team has a good shot at a medal (maybe a bronze). Israel and the U.S. will make it extremely competitive. Veteran players include Toronto's Morrie Herman and Montreal's Isaac Edery. 11 players.

DIVING — Dezso Kiefer substitutes for Canadian Olympic diving coach Don Webb but this should not affect the outcome. The 3-member squad includes Canada's top age group 11-year-old Andre Sabbah (Kiefer's pupil), Winnipeg's Mark Fromson and Toronto's Mindy Kalchman. Canada meets up against the U.S. and Mexico only. Medals? Diving back for first time in years. Depends on U.S. and Mexico.

FENCING — Zakhar Ioffe, coach. The 7-member team has Vancouver's Ron Bakonyi, very top level, and Ottawa's Shelley Steiner, who won a gold for Canada in 1981. Medal prospects good.

GOLF — No predictions, but very competitive. Men's (7-strong) includes top Quebec Jewish amateur Billy Holzman, plus Bobby Golfman, Richard Marsh, Andy Etcovitch, Lorne Rubenstein, and Dalton Barnoff.

The first-time women's entry has Montreal's talented Naomi Weiskopf, Ivy Steinberg, Deborah Goldsmith and Terry Brecher, who recently took the women's provincial 4-ball championship. Captaining is Ottawa's John Holzman.

GYMNASTICS (MEN) — Eugeny Shendery, coach. This is a strong team in a competitive field. Maccabiah veterans on the 6-member entry are Toronto's Danny Fedder and Doron Kernerman. Canada has a very fair shot here.

GYMNASTICS (WOMEN) — Leonid Grakovsky, coach. The young and talented 8-member contingent includes Montreal's Tara Litwin and Jaqueline Kotler, ranked #1 and #2 in trials. Will be very competitive. Winnipeg's Marsha Portnoy and Oshawa's Randi Topp are entered in the juniors.

JUDO — Terry Farnsworth (past gold medal winner), coach. The 3-man team comprises Toronto's Alexander Jacobson, Vancouver's Oleg Myaskovsky, and Winnipeg's Mark Berger. Berger took a bronze in Los Angeles. The team is strong and is a strong possibility for a medal.

KARATE — A 5-member team. An unknown quantity. Let's hope.

LAWN BOWLING — First time for Canada at games. As good a shot as anybody for the 5-man (and woman) team (all from Ontario) to grab a medal. Worthy of note is Toronto's Ethel Lifschitz, who was a past double-gold Maccabi medal-winner in lawn bowling on a European squad.

MINI-FOOTBALL — (otherwise called mini-soccer or indoor soccer). Led by coach Harry Hus, 1981's team pulled an upset, overtime bronze medal victory over Mexico in its first year of competition. Both skill and the luck of the draw help. Hus and the 12-man team hope to match or beat the feat in 85.

All players top-notch, and include vets Tamas Szilagyi, Joe Amar, Ilan Sadi, Drory Tendler, Yuri Shapiro, and Dave Beutel.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS — Adrienne Dunnet (1984 Canadian Olympic team), coach. RG's inaugural year at games. Open field. The 2-girl team is Toronto's Shawana Cass and Montreal's Aimee Brender, ranked 2nd in age group in Canada and tops in Quebec. Who knows? Will be competitive.

SAILING — Ian Brown, coach. Canada's 8-member team has a good chance to repeat or improve on silvers won by Toronto's Howard Sutton and Jason Lester in 1981. Board-sailing (windsurfing) event new this year, but BC's Dave Gladstein and Quebec's Mark Ribkoff have what it takes. Competitive.

Gary Ulrich...president of Maccabi Canada.

SHOOTING — Four shooters going. Very competitive field, but BC's Bud Wolochow took two golds in pistol, and Montreal's Joelle Fefer grabbed a gold with a rifle in 81. Wait and see.

SOFTBALL — Martin Tweyman, coach. Handicappers give Canada a shot at the gold on the 14-man (all but one from the Toronto area) team. The biggest opposition will come from the U.S.

SQUASH — Gerry Shugar, captain. The competition here will be tough, but there doesn't appear to be a reason Canada can't get something here. The 11-man (and woman) team, includes young Jeremy Fraiberg, established as one of Quebec's top junior players.

SWIMMING — As at any Olympic-style meet, swimming always is one of the most competitive events. A last-minute cancellation means coach George Gate is being replaced by Pointe Claire colleague Zevi Dollinger. He will be assisted by Bob Luxenberg. The team is a mixture of vets and newcomers, about 15 strong and several in the junior category.

A top prospect for a medal is Pointe Claire's Miriam Ticktin who was in Israel in 1981 at age 11 and is now a top-ranked Quebec swimmer at 15.

Add to the list Edmonton's Janna Promislow, 14, who could hardly swim at Memphis Youth Games in 82, but is now a nationally top-ranked age group swimmer. Montreal's Glen Luxenberg is back to try and repeat his 81 silver in the relay (he's also ranked No. 2 in Canada in 50-metre), and Corey Bernard of Edmonton, at 16, is so good he was invited to attend the national camp.

Last-minute team member Jennifer Good of BC looks good to provide a few surprises, too. Other strong swimmers include Lori Abramowitz, Shoshanna Zimmerman, and the Bloom brothers, Carl and Corey. Look for "juniors" potential in Mark Marx, Naomi Klein, Mark Sherman, and Lillian Safran.

TABLE TENNIS — Zoran Kosanovic, coach. Very competitive, an unknown quantity. The 4-man team includes Montreal's Mitchell Rothfleisch, ranked top in the province.

TENNIS — The U.S. and Israeli teams are extremely strong, but Canada sending Maccabi vets Kathy Sippos of Kingston, Ont., Carrie-Lynn Cohen of Willowdale, Ont., and Dundas, Ont.'s Mitchell Rubenstein (a youngster ranked first in his age group), and six others, hope for a break in the service. Coach is Michael Zimmerman.

TRACK AND FIELD — Dennis Fairall, coach; Gary Lubin, assistant coach. Needless to say, extremely competitive. Canada has some top names on display: Ontario's David Edge, No 1 ranking Canadian marathoner; Montreal's Allan Tissenbaum Ottawa's Michael Zunder, and Toronto's Jonathan Goodman and Jonathan Cole are a relay combination.

Tissenbaum is a No. 1 sprinter. Winnipeg's Gordon Orlikow captured a bronze in the decathlon in 1981, and took a silver in the high hurdles.

Mini-marathoners (22 kilometres) Bill Izso, Paul Peritz of Montreal and Edge all have what it takes in that event, as does Montreal's Eloise Samuels in the women's category. Wait and see and good luck.

WEIGHTLIFTING — William Gryfe, coach. Three on the team: Downsview's (Ont.) Howard Weinstein, Toronto's Joel Strauss, and Edmonton's Boris Grayfer. Unknown quantity.

WRESTLING — George Reinitz, coach, Howard Stupp, assistant coach. Canada took six gold, three silver, and three bronze in 1981, its best total in any sport. Except for two from Toronto, eight are Quebecers, trained by Victor Zilberman, Canada's best coach. Maccabi vets are Fred Avertik, Rudy Adler, and Gary Kallos, wrestling at 68, 90, and 100 kilos.

Kallos has earned fame as a many-time national champion and Olympian, winning two gold medals in 81. All the other wrestlers are worthy of mention, including Richard Hart, David Mendelsohn and Andy Borowdow, the 15-year-old 100 plus kilo free-styler.

Obviously Canada would like to at least match its 1981 results.

"Doesn't imply political endorsement"

Washington justifies Arab satellite

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

The U.S. space shuttle Discovery's recent launching of a communications satellite called Arabsat for a consortium of 21 Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization was justified by federal officials here as a commercial project initially approved during the Carter administration. It does not involve recognition of the terrorist organization, they stressed.

The consortium, which also includes Libya, has headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and is called the Arab Satellite Communications Organization. A French company, Aerospatiale, built three satellites for it for $134 million. Last February, the European Ariane Rocket launched the first of them but its stabilizing gyroscope began failing soon after it was aloft. The third is to be launched soon.

Israel does not own or share ownership of a satellite, presumably for the lack of resources, Israeli sources said here. However, Israel has access for communications to other satellites under lease arrangements.

The Arab satellite bears equipment linking telephone, television and radio devices across the Middle East and much of Africa. The Saudi Press Agency puts the PLO's share of Arabsat's budget at two-tenths of 1%.

PLO flag in kit

Although Egypt is a member of the consortium, a map of "the Arab world" in a press kit issued by the Saudi agency does not identify Israel's existence. The press kit also has 22 flags, one of them of the PLO.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it had received "explicit department of state approval and authorization prior to the signing of the January, 1981, memorandum of understanding with Arabsat." NASA's statement added that in its authorization to NASA, the state department judged that the memorandum is viewed as an agreement between the U.S. and an international organization and not as an agreement between the U.S. and the constituent members of the organization.

"Hence, conclusion of the NASA-Arabsat (agreement) does not constitute recognition or imply political endorsement by the U.S. of either the PLO or Libya."

NASA further justified the launching by recalling that on Nov. 23, 1982, a deputy assistant secretary of state, Leslie Brown, said that the launching "in no way represents U.S. recognition of the PLO. They are in a number of UN bodies and we don't pull out of them. This was a straight commercial deal."

Prince Sultan Salman al-Saud, 28, a nephew of Saudi Arabian King Fahd, watched the launching from the space shuttle. He reportedly carried the PLO flag in his flight aboard Discovery along with flags of the 21 Arab states.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On July 6, 1510, Johannes Reuchlin, Europe's foremost Christian scholar of Hebrew, was commissioned by German emperor Maximilian I to decide if the Talmud and Jewish prayer books, previously confiscated, were anti-Christian and therefore to be burned. The ensuing controversy engulfed all of Europe.

Joseph Pfefferkorn, a Jewish butcher, fled his native Moravia after being caught thieving. In 1505, he converted to Christianity in Cologne to escape the community's effort to bring him to justice. Pfefferkorn, now baptized as Johann, told his new masters that the Jews' stubborn refusal to accept Christianity was due to the influence of the Talmud. He proposed that Germany's leading authorities break Jewish resistance by: confiscating all copies of the Talmud and liturgical, halachic and aggadic material; kidnapping Jewish children for rearing in monasteries and zealous Christian families; and expelling adult Jews from the country.

In 1509, with the support of conservative German clerics and plotting nobles, Pfefferkorn elicited a decree from vacillating Maximilian confiscating the religious books and siddurs. They were to be burned.

Frantic efforts by Germany's Jews, including the extension of a loan owed by Maximilian's favorite courtier to members of Frankfurt's community, resulted in the suspension of the decree and the return of confiscated material, a year later.

Pfefferkorn and his supporters persisted in their efforts with an outspoken appeal against Maximilian's decision. The emperor proceeded to pass the responsibility for any further action to Reuchlin. The scholar was adjured to "examine, search and investigate" the Jewish books to determine once and for all the truth of Pfefferkorn's charges. The latter, echoing claims made by another apostate, Nicholas Donin, nearly 300 years earlier, charged that Jewish holy books were replete with "reproaches, blasphemies, curses and prayers against our religion and the leaders of our religion . . . and also against the emperor and king and princes and governor."

Reuchlin, then 55 years of age, enjoyed a reputation as an accomplished scholar in the field of Kabbalah, Jewish mysticism. His writings, which explored its influence on Christianity, were a landmark in Renaissance thought. Reuchlin's Hebrew instructors included Italian humanist Giovanni Pico della Mirandola, a non-Jew who pioneered the study of Hebrew and Jewish theology as academic subjects rather than as a basis for polemics.

In October, 1510, Reuchlin responded to Pfefferkorn's charges. "I studied and learned these books," he wrote to Maximilian, "and I do not know nor have I heard of such things in the Talmudic writings." He added that by the study of their mystical literature, the Jews could be brought closer to Christianity.

Reuchlin's vindication of the Talmud aggravated a long-growing rift across Christendom. Liberal and humanist Church scholars and leaders, particularly in Italy, including Pope Leo X, sided with Reuchlin. Reactionary local clerics, particularly in Spain, who had engineered the expulsion of that country's Jews less than 20 years earlier, and in Germany sided with Pfefferkorn.

Reuchlin was particularly assailed by the Dominicans — who with the Franciscans co-founded the Inquisition. In the ensuing disputation, Pfefferkorn's campaign against Reuchlin was directed by Jacob van Hoogstraten, head of Cologne's Dominican order.

The attack soon turned against Reuchlin personally. In The Handspiegel (hand mirror), 1511, Pfefferkorn questioned Reuchlin's faith, insinuating that he was bribed by the Jews. Reuchlin quickly refuted the charges against him and detailed his own arguments in another publication, which he named the Augenspiegel (eyeglasses). The Cologne Dominicans issued their own book against Reuchlin, which they distributed across Europe, and sought to invoke the Inquisition against him. They also tried to have all copies of Augenspiegel burned.

Reuchlin's antagonists failed in their efforts. Pope Leo permitted a Christian, Daniel Bomberg, to print the first edition of the Talmud, in Venice. In 1520, Leo sought to conclude the affair with a formal reprimand against Reuchlin . . . a slap on the wrist.

The decade-and-a-half of dispute undermined Roman Catholic hegemony over Europe. Its weaknesses made manifest were soon exploited by a contemporary of Reuchlin, Martin Luther.

Sales soar before release

Encyclopedia a hit for publisher

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Mel Hurtig thinks, dreams and acts big. After all, not many people's surnames appear stamped in gilded letters on the spines of encyclopedias.

Hurtig's does and for good reason: the Edmonton publisher has for the past five years been the primary driving force behind one of the most ambitious publishing projects in Canadian history: a 3-volume Canadian Encyclopedia that will sell for $175 after its appearance this Sept. 6.

And already, 148,000 of the 150,000 sets being printed have been sold for the pre-publication price of $125.

The ink on the books' high quality paper isn't dry yet but already, Hurtig Publishing is ringing up a tidy profit on the $12 million it cost to produce the work.

Hurtig won't stop there either. He plans to spend $700,000 in the coming months on advertising and promoting the encyclopedia. That will be the biggest ad budget in the history of Canadian publishing.

But Hurtig feels it will be worth it.

"I wanted to produce a low-cost, high quality Canadian encyclopedia that every Canadian family can afford," Hurtig told The Canadian Jewish News. "Until now, there has been a scarcity of material on Canada."

Hurtig was in Toronto recently to attend the annual 4-day Canadian Booksellers' Association convention. Coincidentally, The theme this year was Better Bookstore Profits.

The set, he said, is not the first exclusively-Canadian multi-volume reference work. The Encyclopedia Canadiana first appeared in 1935 and was re-issued in the 50s. But it ran to 10 volumes and became expensive. It was also out of date by the 70s.

Hurtig's dream was a cheaper, leaner but up-to-date work. It is cheaper and it contains the results of the 1984 federal election. The leaner three volumes are an illusion, of sorts. They actually contain more words than the old 10 volumes.

Through new publishing techniques, Hurtig was able to cram more information into less space. As a result, he says, the volumes are more affordable.

A fourth volume is already in the planning stages and is scheduled to appear in 1988, Hurtig said.

The Canadian Encyclopedia will be as thoroughly Canadian as maple syrup, Wayne Gretzky, polar bears, Tommy Hunter and The Last Spike, all of which are given serious treatment in the books.

The money used to put the project together was spent on the more than 3,000 contributors, as well as the 5,000 researchers, editors, consultants, technicians and binders representing 27 subcontractors. Then, there was the small army of artists used to make up the 300 maps and 1,800 illustrations (most in color), graphs, tables and diagrams. There's also what Hurtig says are the finest publishing methods available: each volume is bound in dark blue linen cloth, the paper used is high quality opaque (it's not glossy and not see-through) and gold embossed letters adorn the edges. In all, the books contain 3 million words of knowledge on 2,112 pages.

Mel Hurtig

And their construction was truly Canadian too: The cloth is from Cornwall, the paper from Quebec, the binding was done in Toronto and the end papers were designed in Vancouver. That should be no surprise, as Hurtig has long promoted Canadian economic, cultural and political sovereignty and was one of the founding members of the Committee for an Independent Canada.

The books contain over 3,000 biographies of Canadians past and present and 8,000 articles by the country's top Canadiana mavens, such as Pierre Berton, Margaret Atwood, Farley Mowat, Conrad Black and Roy Bonisteel.

Their topics are as diverse as Canada itself, running the gamut from Rene Levesque, Paul Anka and Igor Gouzenko, to CANDU nuclear reactors, the U.S. space shuttle's Canadarm and the fur trade, to Bobby Hull, the Dieppe Raid and the Group of Seven.

The books will have plenty of information on Jews in Canada and articles on prominent Jewish Canadians, Hurtig assures.

It all began when Hurtig approached the Alberta government in 1980 and persuaded it to lend some of the $75 million it had earmarked for the province's 75th birthday celebrations to a national publishing project.

Hurtig had already been turned down by the Canada Council because his costs were projected as too high and his offices were not fully bilingual.

Not only did Alberta give him a grant of $3.4 million, but it also agreed to donate a free set of the books to every single public and private school and library in Canada, bringing its effective contribution to $4 million. The rest of the costs were borne by Hurtig's company.

Because of Alberta's generosity, Premier Peter Lougheed presented the first set of the Canadian Encyclopedia to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in a July 1 ceremony on Parliament Hill.

In recognition of his accomplishment, the Toronto publishing company of Lester & Orpen Dennys has awarded its annual $1,000 Eve Orpen Award for publishing and literary excellence to Hurtig.

Hurtig said he is "so disturbed" by the trials of Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel that he will publish three books on the Holocaust soon, including a reprint of Gerhard Schoenberner's The Yellow Star.

Taba threatens ties with Egypt

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Premier Shimon Peres has warned the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee that if there is no agreement on arbitration over Taba, Israel's relations with Egypt would deteriorate. Peres said he could not negotiate with Egypt over the terms of the arbitration unless there was first an Israeli decision-in-principle to accept arbitration.

Peres' remarks followed his failure two weeks ago to push through the inner cabinet his proposal that Israel agree to Egypt's longstanding demand for arbitration over Taba (CJN June 27). The Premier proposed that Israel agree to arbitration as part of a package deal, worked out in prior diplomatic negotiations, involving a return to normalization between the two countries.

The five Likud ministers in the 10-man inner cabinet lined up behind Deputy Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, who continues to urge that Israel insist that the process of conciliation be tried before agreeing to submit the Taba dispute to arbitration.

Taba is a small strip of beach south of Eilat, claimed by both Israel and Egypt. Peres has long held that a breakthrough on Taba would lead to an across-the-board rapprochement with Egypt, which, in turn, would pave the way to a broader effort on the peace front.

Peres said he was "not threatening," but he would not agree to be "an old age pensioner" in the cabinet. This was a reference to his demand that the cabinet decide one way or the other — and not present to the outside world an image of policy-paralysis.

The Premier disclosed that Egypt has suggested a scenario whereby Israel would announce its agreement to arbitration, the terms of reference to be negotiated, and at a summit meeting between Peres and President Hosni Mubarak, the two sides would announce the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Tel Aviv.

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Editorial

No common ground

Prisoners of Conscience who languish in the Soviet gulag and in the prison compounds of East Bloc nations will derive little solace from the recent meetings of the human rights conference held in Ottawa.

After six weeks of in-camera sessions on the fate of the 1975 Helsinki Accords, delegates could not even agree on a list of resolutions which could be made public.

The very fact that the deliberations were secret is an affront to the whole concept of the conference. The human rights agenda cannot be screened from public scrutiny. That format served merely to reinforce the brutality and cynicism which characterizes the East Bloc's attitude towards individual freedom.

Despite the closed door sessions it is understood that the Soviet Union came under harsh criticism from Canadian and U.S. delegates for its mistreatment of dissenters and in particular for the imprisonment of Soviet citizens occupied in monitoring the original Helsinki agreements.

The standard Soviet reply was that disciplining its own people is a purely domestic matter. That is precisely the position which the Nazis took in 1933 as they proceeded to eliminate through imprisonment, torture, murder and exile those German citizens who stood in the way of the new barbarism.

A decade after the promulgation of the ambitious Helsinki Accords, the utility of this brave experiment appears illusory.

The concept of the rights of man, an idea hallowed in the Judeo-Christian tradition, is alien to a political system which subordinates the right of individuals to the dictates of the state. The Soviet Union and its satellites look upon human beings as instruments to be used any way the state wishes. The assertion of human rights in this context is interpreted as "treason."

It is no wonder that the Ottawa conference ended on such a sour note. There can be no common ground between those who cherish individual freedoms and those who define men and women as servants of a political order.

Much melancholia

Of the making of books, there is no end, says the Psalmist. By this fall Canadians will be able to see a concrete expression of this dictum as the presses of this nation inundate the public with books on the Zundel and Keegstra cases.

In fact the flood has already begun.

Doug Christie, Ernst Zundel's attorney, has already had extracts of his remarks to a Toronto court published in book form. Advertising blurbs cite the work as a contribution to the cause of free speech.

This will not be the only book on the trial. During the proceedings half a dozen journalists and writers were busily taking notes. Their impressions will undoubtedly be ventilated in book form as the fall season approaches.

There is now a whole shelf of books in preparation on the Keegstra case, which is still going on in Red Deer, Alberta.

Jack Downey, a Calgary entrepreneur, has already chosen the title for his projected work — A Conspiracy of One. David Bercusson, a professor at the University of Calgary and Douglas Wertheimer are collaborating on an analysis of the case.

A number of law professors are also preparing manuscripts on the Keegstra affair. Bruce Elman, professor of law at the University of Alberta and former CJC president Irwin Cotler have both been following the case since its inception. Cotler, who will also deal with the Zundel case in his book, has a publisher — Toronto's Lester & Orpen Dennys.

Add to this list projected books by Jim Green, president of the Christian Defense League and Gary Botting, from Red Deer College — plus "instant" books by two Canadian Press reporters, and the fall publishing picture comes into focus.

Given the subject matter, this library of books will produce instant melancholia and little else.

Rudiger Breuer (centre) looks on as Ruth Bratu and Moritz Neumann examine fragment of Darmstadt synagogue burned by the Nazis in 1938.

Making amends for Crystal Night

City studies rebuilding shul

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

DARMSTADT, West Germany — Mobs, egged on by Nazi officials who had got their orders from Berlin, set fire to Darmstadt's two synagogues on Nov. 9, 1938.

An intrepid photographer who happened to be on the scene snapped an incriminating photo showing a passive crowd watching flames consume one of the buildings, the Bleichstrasse synagogue, which had been built in 1876.

All over Germany that day and night, synagogues, Jewish institutions and shops owned by Jews were plundered and/or burned. More than 100 Jews were killed in the orgy of violence deliberately unleashed by the National Socialists.

These notorious events, which climaxed five years of steadily-accumulating anti-Jewish harassment and legislation, came to be known as Crystal Night.

Crystal Night was the prelude to the Holocaust, which snuffed out six million Jewish lives throughout Europe.

Forty seven years after the ruthless destruction of Darmstadt's Jewish houses of prayer, Darmstadt, a city of 120,000 south of Frankfurt, has begun the process of making amends, if such a thing is possible. Rudiger Breuer, a journalist, former councilman, and Christian, has joined forces with the local Jewish community to build a synagogue for the estimated 120 Jews who live here and in the vicinity.

If all goes according to plan, the synagogue, a symbol of Jewish continuity, will be completed on the 50th anniversary of Crystal Night.

The project is well in hand, according to Moritz Neumann and Ruth Bratu, the co-chairmen of the Jewish community.

Although actual construction has yet to begin, all 21 members of city council voted to commit 50,000 German marks to a planning study. They were encouraged to do so by Gunther Metzger, the mayor, and former president of the German-Israel Friendship Society.

On May 8, the 40th anniversary of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender, Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in Darmstadt collected funds for the synagogue-to-be.

Breuer, the son of a Wehrmacht officer who was killed in action near Stalingrad, is hopeful that Darmstadt will receive the bulk of its funding from the state of Hesse and the federal government.

As Neumann, a 37-year-old local journalist tells the story, the project was the brainchild of his friend, Breuer.

After listening to a speech in 1984 by Neumann to commemorate Crystal Night, Breuer asked him why the Jews were without a synagogue. Neumann, whose Polish-born mother is a survivor of Auschwitz, replied that the Jewish community lacked the financial resources to undertake such a task.

Breuer, whose interest in and knowledge of Jewish affairs was sparked by his friendship with Neumann, was aghast.

"I couldn't understand why the people of Darmstadt had not rebuilt a synagogue," he said. "We were paying lip service to the suffering of the Jewish community in our town by remembering the infamy of Crystal Night. But we were doing nothing to replace the synagogue. It was hypocritical."

Breuer, a member of the Social Democratic Party, went to work to remedy the situation. He and Neumann, a native of Fulda, launched a publicity campaign to raise the consciousness of councilmen to the long Jewish presence in Damstadt.

Jews have lived in Darmstadt, the former capital of the Grand Duchy of Hesse, since at least the 16th century. When Adolf Hitler rose to power in 1933, the Jewish population numbered some 3,000, many of whom were East European immigrants. Less than 2,000 remained when Crystal Night erupted. On the eve of World War II, the community had dwindled to 258 souls.

Most of the Jews were deported to concentration camps in Germany and Poland.

Life went on in Darmstadt, which produced both ardent Nazis and disillusioned German officers who took part in the ill-fated July, 1944 assassination plot against Hitler.

After the war, former Jewish residents drifted back to begin their lives anew. But they were vastly outnumbered by displaced East European Jews who stayed on in Germany. In recent years, Israelis and Russians have also settled down here.

Ruth Bratu, who has been living in Darmstadt since 1947, seems typical of the type of Jew who came here. Born in Tel Aviv, she was raised in Prague. Before World War II, she managed to immigrate to America. After 1945, she arrived in Darmstadt with the conquering U.S. army. Artur, her husband, was for many years superintendent of Darmstadt's schools.

Moritz Neumann, whose father fought in the French army, has been in Darmstadt for the past 15 years. He was posted here as a correspondent by his Frankfurt newspaper, and liked it so much that he decided to stay. Today, he is employed by the Darmstadter Echo as a feature writer.

He and his fellow Jews presently worship and conduct communal activities in a spacious old house on a quiet street. The building, which is graced by a garden, was once owned by a prosperous Jewish lawyer.

According to Neumann, the community's present headquarters cum-synagogue are too cramped, as a quick tour demonstrated. The new synagogue, he explained, will either be located in the garden, or close to the Jewish cemetery, which was slightly damaged during the Nazi era. A windowpane salavaged from the Bleichstrasse synagogue will be incorporated into the design, he said.

As far as he is concerned, the synagogue will be built. "I feel there is goodwill among the population." Breuer is just as confident, though he pointed out that most Darmstatders are probably more interested in the idea of building a new shopping centre than a synagogue.

A man imbued with idealism and high principles, Breuer finds it "morally disgusting" that money should enter into the ongoing discussions to build a synagogue. In his view, a project of this magnitude and historic importance has no price tag.

But Breuer, who is physically blind, is sure that the Jews of Darmstadt will have their synagogue by 1988. He can, metaphorically, see the light at the end of the tunnel.

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Bitter St. Andrew electoral contest in 1955

Ideological battle royal—Salsberg vs. Grossman

On June 15, Lester & Orpen Dennys published Unlikely Tory: The Life and Politics of Allan Grossman, by Peter Oliver. Grossman, the father of former Ontario cabinet minister Larry Grossman, served in three Conservative cabinets before his retirement. In this excerpt, Oliver writes of the bitter 1955-electoral contest between Grossman and Joe Salsberg, now a CJN columnist.

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The story of the Ontario election battle between Allan Grossman (left) and Joe Salsberg is recalled in a new book, Unlikely Tory, The Life and Politics of Allan Grossman.

Political rivalry in Ontario has generally been played out according to clearly understood and accepted rules. The electorate understands that what is at issue is differing political viewpoints and not contrasting moral values; often an election is no more than a contest between the "ins" and "outs."

The 1955 electoral battle in Toronto St. Andrew between Allan Grossman and Joseph Salsberg was of a different order. Grossman believed the campaign involved fundamental issues and was a contest between good and evil. Many others shared this view, and the campaign forced Toronto Jews to take sides with unprecedented frankness and passion. For Grossman, as for increasing numbers of his generation of Canadian Jews, the continuing presence of Joseph Salsberg (a Labor Progressive) as their representative in the Ontario legislature was shame and humiliation; the campaign to defeat him was a solemn duty.

In expressing these attitudes, Grossman was a voice of the newer generation of middle-class Canadian Jews. In his hatred for Communism he was both reflecting and leading the emerging middle road of Jewish opinion. For Grossman, Communism was a vicious system that corroded every aspect of human behavior and thought. Its hallmark was ruthless disregard of human life and humane values. Grossman believed that, in promoting this despicable ideology, Salsberg was exploiting his Jewish background, unconsciously and cynically, to gain the loyalty of Toronto's Jewish community.

Grossman felt that this community, long absorbed in its many economic and social problems, victims of anti-semitism and discrimination, was hardly able to analyze Salsberg's motives. Captivated by his attractive person, his beautiful, almost poetic Yiddish, and his dialectical skill, they regarded him as a fighter for progressive causes and applauded his concern for the economically and socially oppressed among them. The Jews have been long in the forefront of the struggle for social change and economic improvement. During the Depression and in the 1940s, Jews played a vocal role in organized trade unionism and social-democratic politics. In these causes, important to many Jews, Salsberg was a pre-eminent leader, and was revered.

He was also a Communist, but in the 1940s such a commitment was understandable. The Soviet war effort saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews threatened by the Holocaust. Both in retreat and, later, in advance, the Red Army was the best and often the only protection for the Jewish populations of Europe. Many Jews fought for the Russian cause, and Jews everywhere applauded the heroic struggle of the Soviet Union against the invading Nazi hordes. For Jews, the Red Army had earned a debt of ever-lasting gratitude.

It took a long time for that debt to be paid. In Canada and elsewhere in the post-war years, local Communist parties played shrewdly on the Jewish sense of obligation and commitment to progressive reform. Only gradually, usually reluctantly, did Jewish communities recognize that they were being exploited in the interests of Soviet imperialism, a totalitarian power that was persecuting their fellow Jews in the USSR. For many Jews the truth was bitter, and they long resisted it. But most Jews faced up to that truth long before Salsberg did, even though Salsberg was in a better position than most to see the real nature and extent of Soviet anti-semitism, and perhaps even to use his not inconsiderable influence in Communist circles to denounce Soviet activities and embarrass Soviet leaders...

Toronto's Jewish community, as Grossman and his friends saw it, continued to be tarred with the brush of Communism. So long as Salsberg remained in the Ontario legislature, a highly visible testimony to that community's political commitment; the damage would continue. For Grossman this was intolerable. Communism and Judaism, he believed, were incompatible ideologies. So long as Salsberg represented the community as the member for St. Andrew, Jews were double losers: they were being exploited on behalf of totalitarian and anti-semitic ideology; and they were disliked and distrusted by many other Canadians for their support of the Communist cause.

Grossman believed that Jews supported Salsberg not because he was a Communist but in spite of it. Grossman's understanding of Soviet Communism had been influenced during his aldermanic years by his association with refugees from Eastern Europe — Hungarians, Poles, Ukrainians, and others — both Jews and non-Jews. From them he learned first-hand of Soviet concentration camps and of the Stalinist persecution of millions. He learned that many of these people regarded Soviet tyranny with precisely the same horror and revulsion Jews felt for the Nazis. As the animosities of the Cold War deepened and Communist and United Nations forces clashed in Korea, the consequences of Salsberg's Communism became intolerable to many Toronto Jews. Grossman feared that the Jews, the perennial scapegoats, would bear a heavy burden of suspicion and hatred.

Grossman's struggle against Salsberg was no ordinary electoral contest: it was a sacred obligation to free Ontario Jewry from the taint of Salsberg's Communism, and also to give expression to those East European victims of Soviet tyranny who were outraged to find a Communist leader propounding his ideology in the Ontario legislature.

From the beginning, the clash between violently opposed ideologies ensured that the contest in St. Andrew would be exciting, in an otherwise dull Ontario general election. For the Communists this was a critical moment in party history. Their only other Ontario MPP, A. A. MacLeod, had lost his seat in 1951. Now most of their forces would be concentrated on St. Andrew. The battle was being fought at the height of the Cold War, when Communists were losing support in their old strongholds; defeat in St. Andrew would leave them with only one representative in Canada, William Kastan in Winnipeg...

Salsberg had been brought to Canada from Poland at the age of 4; his parents were devoutly Orthodox. His father, Abraham, was a junk dealer. At 13, Joe was working for three dollars a week in a leather-goods factory. Determined to be a rabbi, he rose early each morning to study the Talmud and was accepted as a student by a rabbinical college in New York. But his commitment to working-class politics directed his energies to the causes of trade unionism and socialism; he became the Canadian organizer for the Capmakers and Millinery Union. In about 1927, Salsberg joined the Communist Party. He became national organizer for the Industrial Union of Needle Trade Workers of Canada; he organized for the shoe workers; and, in the early 1930s, he became an active member of the Communist-dominated Workers' Unity League. He also played a leading role in the United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO), the most significant expression, in the Jewish community, of leftist views . . .

In the mid-30s, Salsberg turned to electoral politics. He ran federally in Spadina in 1935; he ran for alderman for Ward Four in 1936; and he ran provincially in St. Andrew in 1937. He was elected to City Council for Ward Four in December 1937. He was defeated in 1938 and re-elected in 1943. The 1943 campaign restored the provincial Tories to power under George Drew. Salsberg won a stunning victory in the still largely Jewish riding of St. Andrew, defeating Jewish incumbent John J. Glass, a Liberal.

Joe Salsberg had come to the Communist Party through the left-wing Poale-Zion organization, the radical Zionists, and he understood perfectly the attitudes and values of the Jewish left, which, in turn, accepted him as its leader. Trade-union activity provided Communist organizers with their best opportunity to demonstrate their value to the working class; Salsberg's successes in unionizing assured him of a leading place in the Canadian Communist hierarchy. He was charming, a powerful speaker, and a Talmudic scholar; he became a formidable force in the Communist party and the Jewish left.

His wife, Dora Wilensky, contributed to his appeal. Talented and compassionate, for many years she headed the Jewish Family & Child Services. She had hundreds of devoted friends. Not surprisingly, the affection and gratitude that flowed to Dora Wilensky contributed to the political reputation of her husband; those in need of social assistance felt that a request to Joe Salsberg was as good as a request to his wife.

Salsberg's appeal in St. Andrew was broad and deep-rooted, as Tory candidates Nate Phillips, John Grudeff, Eddie Goodman, and Lou Herman discovered in provincial elections; each felt the scorn of much of the Jewish community for daring to run against Joe. The community gave him unwavering loyalty not because he was a Communist, but because they regarded him as a scholar, a progressive, a labor leader, and a devoted social reformer . . .

By 1951, Communist support was eroding quickly. John Yaremko won Bellwoods, from A. A. Macleod, and Lou Herman came within 1,365 votes of toppling Salsberg. Between 1951 and 1955, Salsberg's base of support in the St. Andrew Jewish community was further undermined by demographic shifts. Jews were working their way up financial and social ladders and moving north to more affluent and social ladders and moving north to more affluent neighborhoods...

In Canada and elsewhere, intellectuals and political leaders condemned Soviet anti-semitism. On Feb. 3, 1953, the Canadian Congress of Labour expressed "deep concern" about "the obvious campaign now being carried on in Soviet Russia and satellite countries against people of the Jewish race." A few days later, the Canadian Trades and Labour Congress issued a similar statement. Many Jewish leaders believed it imperative that the Jewish community speak out with a united voice, in the hope that worldwide horror at what was occurring in the USSR might prevent even more vicious Soviet atrocities. In Toronto City Council, Allan Grossman presented a resolution condemning Soviet persecution of Jews . . .

As a public figure, Joseph Salsberg could no longer avoid the difficult choice between his party and his people. He made his choice a few weeks later, after the death of Josef Stalin . . . In the Ontario Legislature, a shocked and disbelieving audience heard a remarkable eulogy of the late Soviet dictator. According to Salsberg, Stalin was "one of the foremost thinkers of our time" and would be viewed by history as "one of the greatest among the great of all time."

It was a eulogy of a man morally blind to Soviet anti-semitism and to Stalinst crimes against humanity. Toronto Jews who rejected Communist dogma were more determined to remove Salsberg from the Ontario legislature. Salsberg's speech, Allan Grossman recalls, strengthened his determination to seek his party's nomination in St. Andrew for the next provincial election.

Because of the personal loyalty Salsberg continued to inspire, and because of the awesome efficiency of the Communist machine in the Spadina district, Salsberg's hold on St. Andrew would not easily be broken. Many in the riding continued to regard him as a great labor leader who fought for progressive causes. When Spadina Tories gathered to plan strategy, Lou Herman made it clear that he desired a second chance at unseating the Communist leader, but many doubted that any candidate could defeat Salsberg. Eager to throw his organizational talents against the Salsberg forces, Grossman told Herman that because of his years as alderman his own chances against Salsberg would be much better than Herman's; his friend agreed to step aside.

On Feb. 16, 1955, Grossman was chosen Conservative candidate for St. Andrew. With the party united behind him, he was ready for the most important campaign of his political career. It was to lead him to 20 years in the provincial legislature, 15 in cabinet and a top position in the provincial Conservative party...

Grossman won the election by 743 votes. (The results were: Grossman 5,019; Salsberg, 4,276; Boris Mather, CCF, 1,420; Louis Lockhart, Liberal, 1,228; Elizabeth Langfield, Independent, 152.) Organization was the key to Grossman's success . . . In the working-class area of south Queen St., where many new immigrants had settled, Grossman received 410 votes to Salsberg's 254; his margin would have been larger if more of the residents had been in Canada long enough to vote. In the area between Queen St. and College St., which included the centres of Jewish residence, Salsberg received, 1,824 votes to Grossman's 1,347; Salsberg retained much of his traditional strength in the area...

From College to Bloor a more diverse area, Grossman received 1,610 votes to Salsberg's 1,539. In the more affluent areas north of Bloor, Grossman received 1,613 votes to Salsberg's 445.

In this area, Salsberg received more votes than the Liberals or CCF, an indication that many supporters of those parties had voted Tory. The failure of Liberal and CCF candidates to pull votes away from Grossman allowed the Tory success. Grossman was delighted to have made a respectable showing in the areas of Salsberg strength; he was pleased when Hugh Latimer, the Conservative Party's long-time organizer, wrote him: "I don't think there was a riding in the city as well organized as St. Andrew and the outcome is a real tribute to your ability."

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There was an early postscript to the St. Andrew campaign. The St. Laurent Liberals appointed David Croll to the Senate and a by-election was called in Spadina; Joseph Salsberg contested for the Communists. Only four months after Salsberg's St. Andrew defeat, the formidable machine Grossman had put together in the provincial campaign wheeled into action on the federal level...

Ted Rea won 6,708 votes; Sam Godfrey won 6,108 votes; Salsberg won 3,937 votes. Conservative leader George Drew described Rea's win as a tonic for his party nationally: With Rea's triumph, the Tories held Spadina federally and Bellwoods, St. Andrew and St. Patrick provincially. The Tory success in the big-city working-class areas was a serious blow to the federal Liberals, and one element of the Tory victory in the 1957 general election.

For Allan Grossman, victory was sweet. The role played by his organization was recognized by federal and provincial Tories: George Hees wrote him that "a great deal of the credit for this win was due to help that you gave Ted." Only 44, and with a wealth of practical experience behind him, Grossman would make his mark in the political world of Queen's Park . . .

In 1957, Salsberg formally left the official Communist Party. After a trip to the USSR in August 1956 with Tim Buck, Leslie Morris, and other Communist leaders, Salsberg by his own account became convinced of Khruschev's anti-semitism.

In 1957, Joseph Salsberg's public rehabilitation began. He argued that he had left the party to protest against Soviet anti-semitism. He wrote a political column for the Globe and Mail, appeared on CBC programs, and was accepted as the leading crusader against Soviet persecution of the Jews. In July 1959, in his column in the Toronto Star, Pierre Berton presented Salsberg as the man who had left his party because of "the Soviet treatment of his people."

To Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, in his history of Canadian Jewry, Salsberg was the man who had "revealed the ugly truth of the discrimination in Eastern Europe" and had taken other Jews out of the party with him. Even the Jewish establishment, which had reviled him in the early 1950s, accepted him; and he began to play a leading role on the Canadian Jewish Congress's committee on Soviet Jewry . . .

Opinion

Circumstance hasn't always treated him well, banker says

Rothschild recalls the dark days of Vichy France

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ferrieres was not just any chateau in the French countryside near Paris. So magnificent was it that one of its early house guests, Wilhelm I, king of Prussia, exclaimed, not without a touch of envy: "What an incredible palace! A king would not have dared to build it. It took a Rothschild!"

Guy De Rothschild, head of the fabled French branch of the Rothschild clan, grew up in Ferrieres, with its spacious, manicured grounds, exquisitely-appointed rooms and underground kitchens whose elaborately prepared feasts were conveyed to guests via a miniature railroad train.

In its time, Ferrieres was a metaphor for infinite wealth, a status with which Guy De Rothschild was easily familiar. A banker and industrialist whose companies employ more than 30,000 people throughout the world, he is acutely aware that his family represents luxury, fame and power. Capitalist par excellence that he is, De Rothschild delights in his status. But, as he points out in **The Whims of Fortune (Random House, $19.95)**, his memoirs, circumstance hasn't always treated him well.

As he puts it: "As far as I'm concerned, life may have spoiled me in many ways, but I have never forgotten the restrictions and humiliations suffered by my ancestors, who knew only hard, obsessive work. This memory has helped me face situations in which I saw how... I could lose material security as well as the social pride generations have acquired."

Rothschild is not merely referring to the two duels his father, Edouard, fought after being subjected to anti-semitic remarks. In The Whims of Fortune, usually an interesting autobiography, he recalls the dark days of Vichy France, when Jews were relegated to the depths.

Yet this handsomely-illustrated book is far from being just a chronicle of degradation. Informed by pleasant memories of Rothschild's youth, The Whims of Fortune affords a reader a glimpse, if only that, into the realm of the super rich.

He remembers the annual shooting season at Ferrieres, which was like a "fairy tale." And he summons up an image of a huge household staff that included *50* gardeners and a "grand admiral," whose task it was to row about the man-made lake at mealtimes, "floating slowly among the swans, in order to enliven the landscape and offer the guests a poetic and charming spectacle."

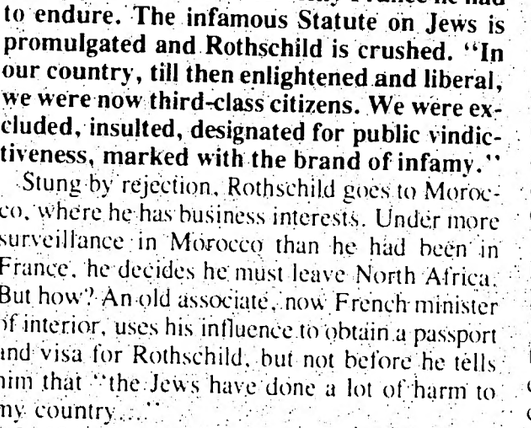
The magic of Ferrieres certainly rubbed off on him, for Rothschild exults in telling a reader, often at unnecessary length, about some of the surrealistic parties he and his beloved second wife, Marie-Helene, hosted for their smartly-attired friends and acquaintances from the French elite.

If the smell of wealth permeates The Whims of Fortune, one should not be surprised. What surprises an observer, however, is Rothschild's judgment that money "has never been honorable" in France, except perhaps in the 19th century, when the Rothschilds acquired it.

Rothschild goes on to write that the French really savor the scent of a franc. "They simply cherish their own possessions while condemning everyone else's. Among all peoples, their love of money is doubtless the keenest, as every Frenchman suspects every other of being motivated by selfish, materialistic considerations."

But money, as Rothschild and many Frenchmen of his generation were to discover, was not an all-embracing panacea.

With the outbreak of World War II, Rothschild's life of leisure was transformed into a life of "ruthless danger, chaos and unpredictability..."



Baron Guy De Rothschild

As an officer in the army, he heard the whine of a German shell landing near his foxhole. The projectile buried itself a foot away from where he was lying, but failed to explode. Leaping to his feet, he splashed into a puddle of liquid manure.

Later, in the Atlantic Ocean, a torpedo hit his ship and sank it. He clambered into one of the last rafts, hung on in the churning seas, and was miraculously saved.

Such high adventures pale in comparison to the ugly anti-semitism of Vichy France he had to endure. The infamous Statute on Jews is promulgated and Rothschild is crushed. "In our country, till then enlightened and liberal, we were now third-class citizens. We were excluded, insulted, designated for public vindictiveness, marked with the brand of infamy."

Stung by rejection, Rothschild goes to Morocco, where he has business interests. Under more surveillance in Morocco than he had been in France, he decides he must leave North Africa. But how? An old associate, now French minister of interior, uses his influence to obtain a passport and visa for Rothschild, but not before he tells him that "the Jews have done a lot of harm to my country..."

In 1941, he and his first wife, Alix, fly to New York to reestablish themselves. The Germans have already seized his properties, including Ferrieres, and two of his relatives have been accorded the special treatment meted out by the Nazis. Alain and Elie, his cousins, spend the war years in a POW camp, forced to sleep in a hut "reserved" for Jewish officers. And Lili de Chambure, a non-Jewish member of the family, is arrested and dies in the Ravensbruck concentration camp.

Safely ensconced in London after a brief sojurn in New York, Rothschild joins the Free French. Here, too, he encounters anti-semitism, being told he does not qualify for a certain position because of his religious background.

He laments: "My name had been the obstacle. To the right-wing, a Jew; to the leftists, a capitalist..."

Rothschild is brutally frank: "The outbreak of anti-semitism among the Free French in London can be explained by their urgent desire to return to France, and their fear that the important proportion of Jews might be a hindrance. When Jews joined up, they'd been only too eager to utilize them; but now that their presence might cause them embarrassment, instead of honoring the principles for which this war is supposedly being fought, they are simply being dropped..."

Rothschild says that the resurgence of French anti-semitism from the 1930s onward "confirmed" his "sense of responsibility" toward his fellow Jews. "This painful experience of Vichy... further reinforced my sense of solidarity, as did the gradual revelation of the martyrdom in the Nazi camps."

Despite the blow to his pride dealt by anti-semitism, Rothschild is not particularly pessimistic about the nature of the problem in contemporary France. Referring to the bombing of the rue Copernic synagogue some years ago, he rejects any comparison between French and Eastern European anti-semitism. The parallel, he notes, is simply unfair. Jewish schools in France, he argues, are subsidized, and military service in Israel exempts French citizens from military service in France.

A small, but telling, part of The Whims of Fortune is devoted to Rothschild's relationship with Zionism and Israel.

Prior to World War II, he relates, he was "not at all interested" in Zionism, his emotional attachment to Jerusalem notwithstanding. His family, he concedes, had adopted "a reserved attitude" toward Zionism, despite the fact that Edmond, his great uncle, had espoused it for humanitarian and political reasons.

The Holocaust changed his mind, he writes. "The idea of a Jewish homeland acquired an intense emotional appeal; I myself became an ardent Zionist, without, however, envisaging a change of direction in my personal life or that of my family."

To illustrate: David Ben-Gurion asked Rothschild if he wished to bring up his son in Israel, and he replied in the negative.

Nevertheless, Israel is no minor phenomenon for Rothschild. Israel, he claims, has "decolonized" Jews everywhere. The Israelis, by their courage and military valor, have made Jews proud. "After centuries of humiliation, Jewish honor and dignity have been proven to the world. We are now less vulnerable to hostility, to doubts concerning our acceptance by others, to the fear of still another tragedy befalling us. Israel is not our country, its flag is not our flag; but Israel is the liberator of part of our inner ego. We need only imagine how much we would despair of ourselves and our humanity if Israel were to be destroyed..."

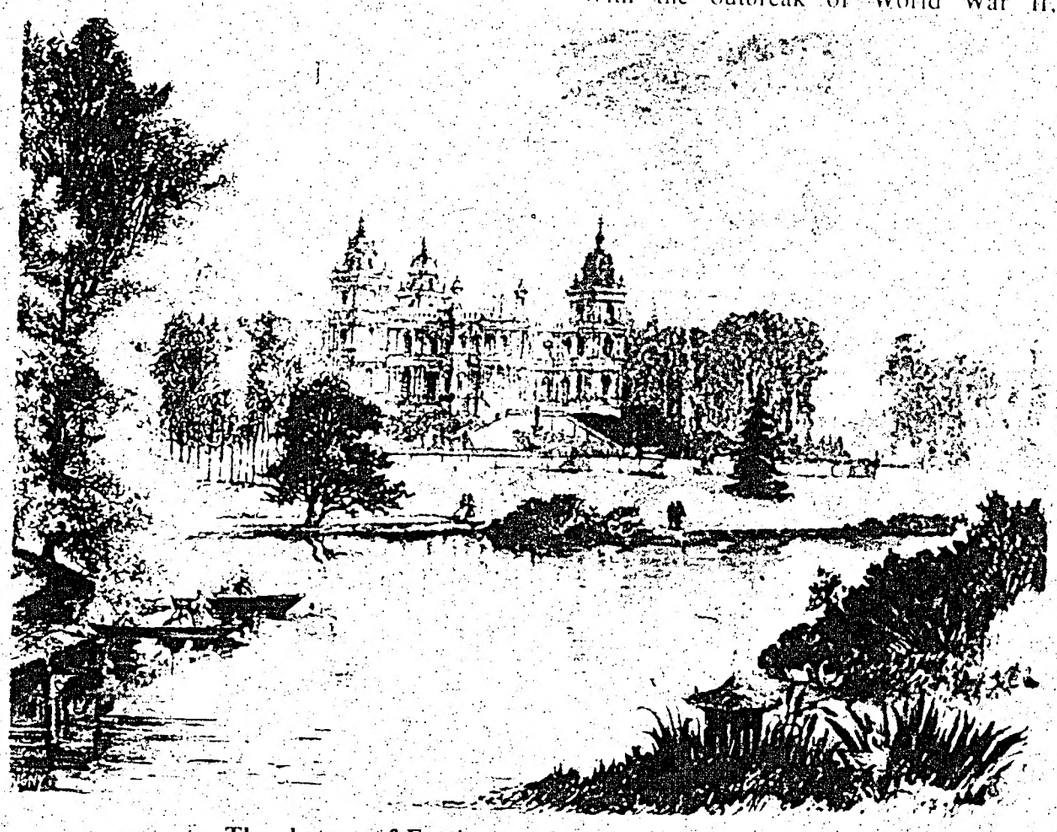
Still, Rothschild does not back Israeli policies unconditionally: He never concealed his view that it is in Israel's interest to withdraw from the West Bank. At the same time, he makes it clear that Jews in the Diaspora should not dictate to Israel. Only those who live in Israel and stake their lives for its survival should have the right "to participate in the vital decisions" concerning its future, he believes.

In the single chapter he devotes to Israeli affairs, Rothschild also delves into French policy vis-a-vis Israel. On the eve of the Six Day War, he spoke to President Charles de Gaulle's secretary after hearing that France would reverse its pro-Israel position. Rothschild could not stem the coming pro-Arab tide, but he did manage to convince Prime Minister Georges Pompidou, an old friend, to delay the French arms embargo long enough for Israel to receive a final shipment of weapons.

Rothschild finishes The Whims of Fortune with a diatribe against the Socialist government of Francois Mitterrand which nationalized his and other banks. He reproduces an article he wrote for Le Monde which represents his outrage. One passage reads: "A Jew under Petain (the Vichy head of state), a pariah under Mitterand..."

The comparison is, to put it mildly, grossly misleading. But The Whims of Fortune is, after all, a platform for Rothschild's opinions, however right or distorted they may be.

As a reader closes his book, Rothschild sadly takes his leave of France, to settle in New York, so that he can "reestablish" his "necessary international standing" in the U.S. Yet Rothschild does not regard his "exile" as a setback. Defiantly, he concludes: "One is defeated only when one accepts defeat... The essence of life is to fight as if there were no death."



The chateau of Ferrieres — home of the Rothschilds.

Slaves and idiots . . . or more?

Braid that challah, incubate sons

By
ELAINE KAHN

Every time I see Fiddler on the Roof, I cry. Less now because of the schmaltz than because of its comfortable "Tradition" delusions, helping a world increasingly ignorant of history sigh in comfort over the unhistorical.

The mummies cook and kvetch, the sons pray. The daddies pray, the daughters — oy, cries Tevye, I have five daughters!

Then he emigrates to the U.S. Dummy! Had he made aliya instead, he would finally have been "rewarded" with a son. Just as a former Canadian rabbi, stuck with five daughters, made aliya and was "rewarded" . . . as reported recently.

Personally, I think it was something he ate. Perhaps the falafel balls.

However, since the rabbi's startling revelation, he has been besieged with phone calls from unmarried female Diaspora geneticists, alarmed by the predicted continuing shortage of good Jewish men. It's too late for us, they say, but, willing to give their bodies to science and industry, they have offered to make aliya, marry anyone, and produce 3.5 sons each for future export to the Diaspora.

Israel as a giant breeding farm. Competition is already fierce between the Hebrew University faculty of agriculture and the Weizmann Institute for the rights, and a donor is being sought to endow the paddock. I have already written a couple of olim I know, telling them to get to work right away and just pray my kids go for younger men.

It has been suggested to me that the rabbi's remarks show that, no matter how much they tell us women are equally valued with men in Judaism, they don't really want one in their own house.

Nonsense, I said. Where else would you incubate the sons?

Someone else ventured that, no matter how enlightened they profess to be, scratch a man and all you find is someone who still classifies women with slaves and idiots.

Nonsense, I said. Scratch a man and it better be someone you know very well.

I once knew a person who, upon seeing my infant twins, asked me why, since they were not sons, I hadn't sent them back. Natural delicacy prevented me from explaining the technical difficulties involved in such a maneuver. However, I understand that his wife made him sign a "no refund" policy on their wedding night, just in case anything happened.

My honest feeling is that, when the frothing hordes, men and women both, rail at feminists, male and female, they are perfectly sincere. They really believe that all the tallit and tefillin, organizational kovod and halachic power in the world are not equal to even one slice of a perfectly braided challah.

Baked by a suitably bridled wife.

Who'll incubate sons.

Opinion

Outdoor swearing-in triggers train of thoughts

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Forgive me, my friends, for interrupting my series on Israel for one week in order to reflect on a political event that took place in our back yard, in Toronto. We will, I assure you, return to the Israeli scene next week. But, for the present, let me share with you some thoughts that the event has aroused.

J.B. Salsberg

What has happened is not of world-shaking importance but it did trigger a train of thoughts that revolve around, what is, perhaps the central issue of our time. It is that of democracy and, more particularly, that of political democracy in our tortured world. So, stay with me and let us reflect together.

The event I refer to was the official swearing-in of Ontario's new premier and his (Liberal) cabinet. The fact that this is the first non-Conservative government in 42 years in Canada's largest and most strategic province is important but really not decisive. What is new is the manner in which this government assumed power formally.

The new premier of Ontario, David Peterson, and his advisors had a brilliant idea. They broke with the traditional custom of swearing in new governments in the official residences of the Governor-General (federally) or of the Lieutenant-Governors (provincially) and to transform the occasions into an event that takes place under the skies and in public. By this innovation they turned the ceremony into a public . . . a people's event.

Mother Nature cooperated with the planners. The weather was ideal. A brilliant sun shone on the thousands of people gathered in Queen's Park, in front of the provincial legislature, to witness the ceremony. Millions of other citizens viewed the innovative happening on their TV screens, or heard it described in detail on their radios and read of it in the press.

All in all, it was a good show and the defeated Tories must be kicking themselves for not having thought of it first.

What triggered my train of thoughts at the sight of the event on my TV was to what extent did the staged manifestation of our much heralded "democratic political process" reflect the actual existence of democracy in our society and to what extent was it window dressing. I'm inclined to think that it reflected both. I'm also persuaded that the event did, neyertheless, demonstrate democratic features that are to be welcomed and to be protected.

The painful truth is that mankind's dream of an absolute democracy has not yet been achieved anywhere in the world. Absolute democracy would mean absolute equality in every major area of human endeavor for every member of a given society. That supreme level of social life lies, alas, in the distant future.

That holds true for the so-called "free private enterprise" societies as it does in the, so-called, "Soviet-Socialist" bloc of states.

Nor do democratic constitutions necessarily translate into equality. The great French novelist, Anatole France, once said that under a democracy anyone who wishes may sleep under a bridge, but only the poor and the homeless sleep under bridges. . . . In short, there is a formal and a real democracy, but the real democracy has not yet been attained anywhere. For instance:

In the middle 30s the then Liberal government, under the premiership of Mitchell Hepburn, that had come to power after a decade or more of Conservative rule, began with Hepburn's slogan, "I swing well to the left." But when the Oshawa automobile workers finally succeeded in forming a union and went out on strike, the same Hepburn (whom I knew well) formed a special squad to help smash that strike.

In the opinion of Senator David Croll, who was then a minister in Hepburn's government, that action was in conflict with his view of democracy. He resigned from the government and made a landmark public statement saying: "I would rather walk with the workers than ride with General Motors."

That statement by Croll re-echoed across the land. The then prominent attorney-general, the later Senator Arthur Roebuck, also resigned from the cabinet. Neither was ever allowed into Louis St. Laurent's federal governments and both had to settle for senatorships. That's how the democratic process cookie crumbles sometimes.

However, and all that not withstanding, I liked the latest feature of our democratic process that was, for the first time, enacted in Queen's Park, before thousands of citizens and the media, when the new Ontario Liberal government was sworn in and where they received the democratic authority to govern.

I was also delighted to see, in contrast to what prevailed during my 12 years as a member of the Ontario Legislature, a Black Canadian elevated to a cabinet post.

I was glad that both official languages were used freely during the inauguration.

And I was pleased to see two Jews included in the cabinet, with the one of the feminine gender obviously holding our Bible in her hands and the male member of the two wearing a yarmulke for the swearing-in; even though he may not usually wear one. It was a demonstrative act and I appreciated it.

And so, my friends, that's how my thoughts tried to analyze the political spectacle that was enacted, for the first time, in our country. "Perfect," as my uncle Eliezer said, "it wasn't, but it is surely worth preserving and protecting."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signatures.

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HITS "IRRESPONSIBLE" EDITORIAL

After reading your June 13 editorial entitled "Injudicious ban," one wonders whether one is dealing with deliberate misrepesentation or irresponsible journalism. I will be charitable and assume that the latter is the case.

In editoralizing on the resolution by the Rabbinical Assembly to deny the 51 Knesset members platforms from which to speak in Conservative synagogues, responsible journalism would require that the writer at least read the resolution. It is clear that your writer did not.

The resolution does not ban the 51 Knesset members from the synagogue precincts' nor does it close the door to dialogue.

The resolution clearly states that it encourages "continued private dialogue both here and in Israel to keep open avenues of communication with those members of the Knesset who have voted for a change in the Law of Return."

What the resolution also states is that those members, who despite our communicating to them the serious negative consequences for Jewish unity the passage of the amendment would have, nevertheless voted for it — those Knesset members would not be "welcome as speakers or honorees in our synagogues," which, by their vote, they have sought to discredit.

Interestingly — and tragically for the value of Ahavat Yisrael (love of one's fellow Jews) — the amendment to the Law of Return for which the 51 Knesset members voted was sponsored by certain groups in Israel. There groups are busy every year in the pre-High Holiday season, tacking up posters all over Israel urging the boycotting, under penalty of herem, of all non-Orthodox synagogues.

The editorial writer is quite correct, nevertheless, in encouraging our fulfilment of the mitzvah of aliya. However, some of our potential olim are converts to Judaism. Had the amendment passed, they would have been rendered ineligible as olim under the Law of Return as amended, even though they were converted by us in strict accordance with halacha.

Rabbi Robert Marcus
President, Rabbinical Assembly
Toronto

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QU'ELLE CHUTZPAH!

Re Rabbi Moshe Stern's June 6 letter headed "Shocked by rabbis' blacklist":

There is apparently no bounds to chutzpah, as exemplified by his letter.

While obviously approving of Israel's Orthodox rabbinate's efforts, encouraged by their North American colleagues, to reject Conservative and Reform conversions, the rabbi is shocked by the Conservative movement's decision not to invite to their synagogues those 51 Knesset members who voted for this measure, which was fortunately defeated.

To be elected a member of the Knesset does not confer sanctity or righteousness on the member, as witness the election of Meir Kahane to this illustrious(?) position.

Incidently, it was Rabbi Stern's synagogue which, a few years ago, invited that paragon of virtue to spout his obscenities at a meeting.

What the rabbi is saying is that it is kosher for he and his colleagues to question the authenticity of non-Orthodox rabbis, but is treif for the maligned not to invite their detractors to address their congregations.

Qu'elle chutzpah!

Jay Jacobs
Toronto

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Ekiel Bronfman, patriarch of the Bronfman family and homesteader in the 1888 Jewish settlement near Wapella, Sask., typified pioneers of the Canadian prairies.

HERSH GIRTLE PIONEERED WEST

I am seeking information about my great-uncle, Hersh Girtle, a pioneer of the Canadian West, who died in 1941 at the age of 84 in Winnipeg.

He is believed to be the first Jew to become a naturalized Canadian in the West in 1886.

Uncle Hersh and other pioneering Jews worked on building the CPR railroad under great hardship. A separate cook camp was set up for Orthodox Jews enabling them to eat kosher food. They were allowed to work on Sundays and not on Saturdays, as their religious beliefs bade them to.

It's also known that in 1896 they tried to farm a tract of swampland about two miles north of what is now Winnipegosis. It was named Gruber, after the rabbi, and Hersh Girtle served as its first postmaster.

Uncle Hersh had eight children and many grandchildren and loved them all. My father, Sydney Gertel, who died in 1982, left Winnipeg to move to Montreal. Our last correspondence with the family in Winnipeg was five years ago, and we are anxious to renew contact.

To complete the family record, I am also eager to hear from members of the Girtle, Greenberg, Israels, Wasserman and Kahn families. Please write to me at 5666 Queen Mary Rd., Hampstead, Que.

Rose Gertel Wolkove
Montreal

Editor's note: The CJN also would be interested in hearing from readers who have old photos and memories to relate about Jewish pioneers who helped build the Canadian West.

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VENETIAN GHETTO MUCH OLDER

Re your June 6 letter from Monty Goldstone headed "He tours Venetian ghetto":

He is wrong when he claims that its three synagogues are "some 900 years old."

If he read Cecil Roth's History of The Jews In Venice, he'd find they go back to the 16th century.

Dr. Daniel Lewin
Montreal

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KNOCKS OUR ISRAEL COVERAGE

Although your political coverage of Israel is excellent, I find one serious lack in your otherwise enjoyable newspaper.

What about the people of Israel themselves as individuals? Their lifestyle? How they earn a living?

As a person who has traveled to Israel several times and lived there for six months, I'd like to suggest you hire a roving reporter just to scout the country and recount the great stories that the Israeli people have to tell.

Terry Maltz
Toronto

Editor's note: We do our best to report on life in Israel through our Israel columnists — David Birkan, Carl Alpert and Nechemiah Meyers, and through writers for the World Zionist Press Service. We'll be on the lookout for more stories in this vein.

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MONTREAL SURVIVORS OMITTED

Re Sheila Dropkin's June 6 article about the Massuah Institute of Israel:

It omitted the substantial contribution made to the institute by the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression, Women's Division, of Montreal, of which I am president.

We are an integral part of the institute and very proud of our close association with it.

Tola Granek
Montreal

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HITLER'S FIELD MARSHAL

In response to David Birkan's May 9 column on converts to Judaism, I would like to add information about Hitler's field marshal and his mishpoche.

It caused quite a sensation in Germany at the turn of the century when Baron Ernest von Manstein, a career officer in the Germany army and member of the blueblooded German nobility, decided to convert to the Jewish religion.

It was not a case of "cherchez la femme."

During maneuvers of the German army near the city of Wuerzburg in Bavaria, the baron had been billeted with an Orthodox Jewish family.

Manstein observed their customs, asked for explanations, became interested and having studied the Jewish religion for a while, decided to become a Jew.

The Jewish leaders in Wuerzburg were reluctant. It would not be the first time for a conversion to backfire. The final decision was to travel with the baron to Amsterdam and to submit the case to the rabbinate of the Netherlands.

From Amsterdam the baron returned as Abraham ben Abraham. The Family disinherited him, and for an observant Jew, a career as an officer in the army became impossible. The baron decided to study arts and music and became a fulltime teacher at the Jewish seminary in Wuerzburg, where he married a Gentile woman, who also accepted the Jewish faith.

When Hitler took over in 1933, Manstein, disregarding his Aryan blood, had difficulties. The seminary had the fate of all Jewish institutions and was closed.

In 1941, the baroness passed away and was buried in the Jewish cemetery.

Three years later, the baron passed away. There was no next of kin, and his last will to be buried in the Jewish cemetery next to his wife was disregarded.

Another Baron V. Manstein, a cousin, had become Hitler's commander-in-chief on the Eastern front. It was impossible to bury a cousin of Field Marshal V. Manstein as a Jew in a Jewish cemetery.

The party took over and Ernest von Manstein's coffin, covered with the swastika, was buried in the Gentile cemetery of Wuerzburg.

In 1960, friends of the baron and the Jewish community of Wuerzburg took care of the case. The body was disinterred and brought to rest in the Jewish cemetery of Wuerzburg, next to the grave of his wife.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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World-National

Senate's Mideast report gives PLO high marks

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calling for recognition of the PLO, but decided a renewal of the peace process is more likely to take place if encourgement is given to Palestinian groups within or outside the PLO that are concerned with "the need for accommodation with Israel and are looking for a genuine, peaceful resolution."

The committee agrees with current government policy that recognition not be given to the PLO until it renounces terrorism and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

Almost three-quarters of the 115-page report deals with the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The report is highly critical of Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, particularly its settlement program which is identified as a major cause of friction. It advocates withdrawal of Jewish settlements as "part of an overall political agreement in which Israel would undertake responsibility for the removal of the settlers from the settlements." In the meantime, it urges an end, not just a freeze, to settlement activity.

Quoting heavily from the testimony of Prof. Janice Stein of the University of Toronto, the report supports the view that, unlike in the Sinai, most West Bank settlers are not religious zealots but were more attracted by cheap housing and would thus be more easily persuaded to leave if adequately compensated by the Israeli government.

The report emphasizes that the "Palestinian problem is central" to the Arab-Israeli conflict. "There can be no resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute until there has been agreement on how to accommodate the Palestinian people while at the same time ensuring the security and legitimacy of Israel.

"Palestinians are too numerous, too articulate and determined, too well-connected to the rest of the Arab world to make it possible for Israel to come to some agreement with its Arab neighbors that would ignore the Palestinians."

The report was tabled in the Senate last week by foreign affairs committee chairman George van Roggen, drawing bitter criticism from Senator Nathan Nurgitz. Nurgitz and the other Jewish member of the committee, Jerry Grafstein, had earlier abstained from voting on the report. (See CJN June 13).

Presented as the first examination of the subject by a parliamentary committee, the report is the result of three years of study during which time the senators heard 63 witnesses.

Six committee members spent 2½ weeks in the Middle East in November, 1983 and held "high-level" meetings with leaders and officials in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

The report attempts to demonstrate the difficulty the committee had in reaching specific conclusions because of the opposing views it heard from the two sides involved.

"Canadians, like others, face the difficult task of assessing an issue based on two interpretations of deeply rooted historical experiences. The problem is exacerbated because both sides appear to have right, or an element of right, on their side."

The report frequently cites what it regards as hopeful signs of moderation in Israeli policy under the government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. The committee contends that the previous Likud government's policies, culminating in the invasion of Lebanon, turned international sympathy away from Israel to the Palestinians.

The committee recommends that Canada send foreign aid to the West Bank and Gaza Arabs through non-governmental organizations for development and humanitarian assistance programs "that would counter the increasing economic dependency of the occupied territories on Israel."

It says the Canadian government and the Canadian International Development Agency should revise their policy toward the West Bank and Gaza making the area eligible for direct assistance.

The committee also wants the government to give its immigration officials "a special, pragmatic and flexible authority to deal in a humanitarian way with Palestinian individuals and families wishing to come to Canada."

The report urges an easing of restrictions affecting Palestinians on the West Bank. Several paces are devoted to describing how Israel is making it difficult for them to develop their own economy. Suppression of Palestinian political rights, academic freedom and the use of "collective punishment" of the Arabs as a means of maintaining Israeli authority are noted.

More political freedom, including allowing the expelled Palestinian mayors to visit, would put the Palestinians in a position to select leaders other than the PLO. The report proposes that "moderate non-PLO Palestinians" represent the Palestinians in a joint negotiating body with Jordan and Egypt in first-stage talks within the framework of the Camp David Accords.

The committee suggests setting aside the "ultimate objectives" — the Arabs' recognition of Israel and of Israel's recognition that Palestinians have "a right through centuries of residence to a part of historic Palestine, namely the West Bank and Gaza" — until smaller agreements on practical arrangements on their coexistence are in place.

To meet Israel's security concerns, the report calls for a demilitarization of the West Bank, endorsed by the international community.

In second-stage negotiations, the report recommends the convening of an international conference including the United States, Soviet Union and three other permanent members of the UN Security Council. The committee believes the Soviet Union can exert a "moderating influence on the Syrians and on some elements of the PLO."

On the issue of Jerusalem, the report says Canada should continue to not recognize Israel's "unilateral annexation" of East Jerusalem and to oppose actions by Israel to alter the status of the city such as by "strategically" locating Jewish housing projects.

As with mutual Israeli-Palestinian recognition, the report suggests the future of Jerusalem as well as the Golan Heights should be left to a later round of peace negotiations. When Jerusalem does come up for discussion, the report says Canada should urge "some kind of special status" for the holy places.

In other parts of the report, the committee supports future peacekeeping roles for Canada in the region, normalization of Canada's relations with Iran and an expansion of trade with the Middle East, particularly the Arab states which are seen as not sufficiently tapped markets.

The report observes that both boycott and anti-boycott pressures are "unwelcome and undesirable to Canadians."

The existing policy of withdrawing government services from firms complying with the Arab boycott of Israel is seen as sufficient sanction and a compulsory reporting system of compliance is viewed as unnecessary.

"It is important that the general foreign policy concerns of external affairs not subordinate the important trade component of Canada's interests," the report states.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his fascinating research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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HALPERN, LIPSCHITZ

Here are two names that are recognized as common Jewish surnames. It may come as a surprise that the origin of these names is German not Jewish.

Halpern is a corruption of Heilbronn, a city in Germany between Mannheim and Stuttgart which at one time had a large Jewish population.

Lipschitz is an emasculated form of Liebschutz another German city.

There is a host of common Jewish surnames which are derived from cities, towns and villages in Germany where Jewish communities once thrived. Some like Frieburg, Koblenz and Ginsburg remain virtually intact. Others have undergone change like Mintz (from Mianz) and Dreyfus (from Trier) so that their origin has become shrouded. This is a phenomenon of frequent incidence, as local spelling and pronunciation take their toll. It adds a little spice to the Name Game.

RIVKIN

The mother always enjoyed an honorable position in Jewish life. She is revered as the Eisheth Chail — the woman of valor.

It is natural, therefore, to find a series of matronymic surnames. Rivkin is the son of Rivkah (Rebecca). It also appears in the affectionate form of Rivlin.

Almost every female given name is reflected in Jewish surnames — Estrin (Esther), Rachlin (Rachel).

Sometimes the given names appear affectionately in the diminutive like Annette or Suzette. In Jewish, Devorah becomes Dvorke, Laya becomes Liake (Leah), Channah becomes Chanke, Chaiah becomes Chaike — hence the surnames Dvorkin, Lakin, Chankin and Chaikin.

Another variation is by the addition of the suffix "es." Hence Beilis (from Beile — beautiful), Perlis (from Perl — pearl), and Sorkes (Sarah).

The matronymic also is seen in Feigelson, Perlson.

U.S. warning speeds up efforts to free hostages

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Diplomatic activity designed to free American hostages in Lebanon intensified last week after a U.S. warning that Washington would "take whatever actions are necessary" to end the crisis.

There were several developments as The Canadian Jewish News went to press on Friday, June 28.

•Israel TV reported that the U.S. and Israel had reached an agreement under which Israel would free all 735 Lebanese prisoners it holds after the hostages, including seven that have been held for up to 15 months, are released.

•Syria, at the suggestion of Amal militia leader Nabih Berri, reportedly agreed to hold the hostages in Damascus until a deal can be worked out to free the Arabs in Israeli detention.

•Switzerland said it was prepared to take responsibility for the safety of the hostages pending a final outcome of the crisis, now about to enter its third week. The Swiss offer was broached after negotiations to move the hostages to the French embassy in Beirut failed.

These fresh diplomatic moves, which may or may not resolve the TWA affair, came after the Reagan administration suddenly adopted a tougher position toward the hijackers.

Initially, the White House said it would not consider military means to break the impasse. Experts concur that a rescue mission would be an exercise in futility, since the hostages are scattered throughout Beirut and Lebanon.

But by last week, the Reagan administration, which is embarrassed and frustrated by it all, threatened to impose a blockade on Lebanon by using the Sixth Fleet, which is stationed off the Lebanese coast. President Reagan's press spokesman said, however, that he would "let diplomacy run its full course before taking further steps."

In probable reaction to the U.S. threat, Nabih Berri, who is acting as a sort of mediator between the hijackers and the hostages, proposed that either Syria or a Western embassy take charge of the imprisoned Americans until Shiite demands can be met.

For its part, Israel was doing its utmost to be helpful in resolving the crisis. Prime Minister Shimon Peres wrote a letter to President Reagan "about understanding, friendship and cooperation."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had been criticized for asserting that the crisis was "purely an American problem," said Israel was ready "to cooperate with the United States against this terrorism."

David Levy, the deputy prime minister, urged close and constant cooperation with the U.S.

Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee, sounded a warning that Israel must be alert to its primary asset in the U.S. — sympathetic public opinion.

He made this comment just two days before the release of a Washington Post-ABC News poll which showed that 33% to 42% of Americans supported the statement that "the U.S. should reduce its ties to Israel in order to lessen acts of terrorism against us in the Middle East."

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"I'm deeply honored," says Caplan

Two Jews are given cabinet posts by Peterson

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the open-air ceremony.

In a reserved place just below the platform, Senator David Croll, a member of Liberal premier Mitchell Hepburn's cabinet in 1934, and the first Jew to hold cabinet rank in Canada, beamed with joy in the bright sunshine.

"I've waited a long time for this," he said. "Sometimes I wondered if I'd ever make it. I'm delighted."

Before the swearing-in and the signing of oaths by Premier Peterson and Lieutenant-Governor John Aird, clergymen representing five faith communities (United Church, Anglican, Jewish, Muslim, and Roman Catholic) delivered invocations.

Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Congregation gave thanks "for the democratic freedom embodied in this transition. How good it is to live in a land where political power is peacefully surrendered, where politicians try to defeat their opponents, but not to destroy them."

As thousands of people took up the new premier's invitation to tour the Legislative buildings, including his own office, the new cabinet ministers made their way back to the tiny offices they occupied as backbench MPPs in preparation for their move to elegant cabinet ministers' suites.

"I'm deeply honored to be part of cabinet," Caplan told The Canadian Jewish News as she stood in a hallway surrounded by family and well-wishers.

"It is a very exciting group and I'm very proud to be part of it."

Caplan added that she was pleased with both the size and representations of the cabinet which includes two women, two Jews and one Black among the 22 ministers.

Looking at her portfolios, the MPP for Oriole said that fiscal responsibility will be big issue in the new government and that as minister of government services she will be looking for "efficient and effective management" in all areas.

While looking at future Liberal budgets towards this end, Caplan said she was not prepared to make any predictions regarding possible cutbacks in social services.

Caplan said her experience as a North York alderman, where she was involved in management review, will be "invaluable," but added that she would be seeking the advice of "many experts and depending on the civil service" for assistance.

An ebullient Kwinter was gearing up even as he celebrated for an intensive 3½ day briefing on his ministry, which, he noted, covers a lot of territory.

"It really touches everybody. . . it includes trust companies, credit unions, the Liquor Control Board, the racing commission, all of the regulatory bodies (including the censorship board) . . . It's really huge."

As a freshman MPP catapulted into a cabinet post, is he apprehensive?

"Not at all." Noting that he has had experience in dealing with governments as chairman of the Toronto Harbor Commission, he said that he is confident that he can do the job, with the assistance of his officials.

"There are some first-class people in the ministry."

He would not speculate on future policies of his ministry. "I'm now an instrument of the government, and my priorities are not necessarily the government's priorities. In my role as a minister, I've got to implement government policy. . . it is really a collegial decision."

Over the past two months, following his victory in the first election he ever contested, his emotions, he said, have "built to a crescendo."

As the Legislature resumes sitting, with Caplan, Kwinter and their fellow Liberals on the government side, Kwinter agreed with the suggestion that "the real world begins on Tuesday (July 2)."

His deputy minister, arriving for the first in the series of briefings, overheard.

"The real world," he told his minister, "starts now."

660 war crimes suspects compiled by Deschenes

[From Canadian Press]

OTTAWA —

The federal commission searching for Nazi war criminals in Canada announced last week that it has compiled a list of 660 suspects who reside or have resided in Canada, and is now weighing evidence against them.

The commission, headed by Justice Jules Deschenes, has established a committee of six lawyers to help with the review, and has asked for a report by Sept. 1.

The 1-man commission has also set up a group of professors and lawyers from across the country to recommend by Sept. 1 how Nazi war criminals living in Canada might be brought to justice under either existing or new legislation.

"In order to do everything humanly possible to avoid doing an injustice to anyone through ignorance of the facts, the commission must work through an immense quantity of documents that have been accumulating in public and private archives, both in Canada and abroad, for the last 40 years," a news release from the commission said.

Once the commission has received reports from all associated groups, it will decide if it should travel abroad — possibly to the Soviet Union — to gather other relevant evidence before concluding its study Dec. 31.

Earlier last month, Liberal MP Robert Kaplan complained in a letter to Privy Council Clerk Gordon Osbaldeston that he has been denied access to records and files from his term as solicitor-general.

Kaplan wants the files to prepare for his testimony before the Deschenes Commission.

But, he told Osbaldeston, the present solicitor-general, Elmer MacKay, has turned down his request for access.

Under guidelines for the conduct of cabinet ministers, which Kaplan quoted in his letter, "It is a convention that former ministers may have access to departmental and cabinet records and files dating from the period of time when they held office, but only from this period."

Osbaldeston is the official custodian of all government records but since the guidelines do not have the force of law, Kaplan said he can only rely on public pressure to get the government to release the documents.

He called MacKay's refusal to let him see the records "unprecedented."

But MacKay's press secretary, Mary Clarke, said that "as Mr. MacKay understands it, the convention gives ministers an option of providing access or not." MacKay was not available for comment.

"He has yet to be convinced that he should make a change in his position," said Clarke. She added that MacKay had noted that the commission had been given full access to cabinet documents and records regarding was criminals.

Reform hears an appeal by RA

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ment of a common Bet Din (religious court) "that will convert according to halacha, a Bet Din created for the sake of the unity of the people of Israel with a model prototype structured first in America and ultimately carried into effect in Israel itself."

Despite obstacles and differences such as a "rampant triumphalist right-wing Orthodoxy," Shapiro said he was hopeful that given patience and time, such a Bet Din could be established.

He cited as two reasons for "cautious optimism" the fact that the Rabbinical Council of America has not outrightly rejected his original proposal. He also spoke of Reform Judaism's "deepening commitment" to tradtional forms and values.

"We owe a sacred obligation to generations still unborn. We owe a common commitment to keep the spirit of Jewish faith alive. We have more than anything else a common commitment to the one people of Israel undivided and without bifurcation into hostile and warring camps."

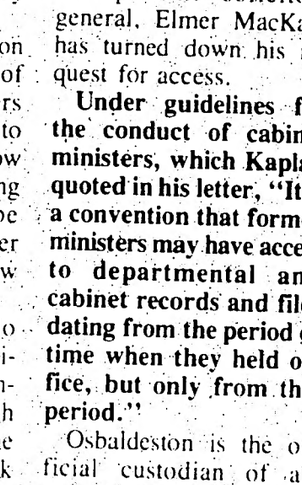
NCJW's Gurvey going to Nairobi in Canadian group

TORONTO —

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada has been chosen as one of the organizations to be represented on the Canadian Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) delegation at the UN End of Decade for Women conference in Nairobi.

Bunny Gurvey of Winnipeg, immediate past president of NCJW of Canada, has been chosen to represent the organization in the Canadian NGO delegation at the conference July 10-19.

NCJW of Canada is the only Jewish women's organization to have representation on the delegation.



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CANADA POST CORPORATION

Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

Friday, July 5

IYR HA-MELECH, KINGSTON

The last Friday evening service of the year at Iyr Ha-Melech Congregation in Kingston, Ont., takes place July 5 at 7.30 p.m. at 517 Watson Hall. There will be a summer break and services will resume towards the end of August.

Sunday, July 7

RETURN ENGAGEMENT

Brought back by popular demand, **Barbara Rush**, star of stage, screen and television, returns to the Leah Polsuns Theatre in A Woman of Independent Means. Opening night is Sunday, july 7 and play runs to July 21. This one-woman show was sold out every night during the original run, so order your tickets now! Box office number is 630-6752.

SELF-HELP WIDOWS PROGRAM

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program, open to women 55-70 years of age, meets on Sunday, July 7, from noon to 1.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Helen Brown**. For information, call 789-5131, local 410.

Monday, July 8

OLDER WIDOWS GROUP

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 70 years of age and over is coordinated by **Min Clairman, Beulah Ludzki, Toby Warsh** and **Mickey Zimmerman**. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre. For information, call 789-5131, local 410.

Tuesday, July 9

FOR CHILDREN

Several North York public libraries are offering programs for children on Tuesday, July 9.

At Downsview Library, 2793 Keele St. (north of Wilson), Puppets Live! runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m., beginning July 9 through to Aug.8. Children, ages 9 and over, will make soft sculpture puppets and learn how to make them come alive. Pre-register.

At Central Library, 5126 Yonge St. (north of Sheppard), Mr. Wizzbang's Puppet Workshop takes place from 2-3.30 p.m. Children, ages 7-12, will have fun learning to make puppets from junk and household objects. Pre-register.

At Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.), Totem Pole Workshop is being held Tuesday to Friday, July 9-12 from 2-3 p.m. Children, ages 8-12, are invited to learn how a real totem pole is made, then help to build a pole to be displayed in the children's department all summer. Pre-register.

Wednesday, July 10

B'NAI B'RITH ROMANIAN LODGE

The newly chartered Dr. W. Filderman Lodge of B'nai B'rith will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, July 10, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (Sheppard and Bathurst). After the usual report of Israeli news by the former counsel to the Romanian minister of mines **Iosif Spataru**, **Adrian Baranga** will speak on Facets of Jewish Life: Gleanings From Newspapers and Books. Chairman is **Dr. S. Zeve Strulovici**.

Friends of the lodge and their families are invited.

Thursday, July 11

THURSDAY EVENING SEMINARS

The Thursday evening seminars, sponsored by Jewish Education Program/Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College, continue on July 11 with Nature and Miracle. The time is 8.30 p.m. at Eitz Chaim School, 475 Patricia Ave. For information, contact JEP office at 787-1681.

WIDOWERS PROGRAM

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers program for men 55 years of age and over, widowed less than two years, meets on Thursday, July 11, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Gordon Zaretsky**. For further information, call 789-5131, local 410.

And What Else Is New...

ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF ECRUSY

The newly formed Alumni and Friends of ECRUSY (Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth) Association, under the chairmanship of **Shelly Parker**, will be holding a weekend Shabbat program for any and all USYers and their families on Aug. 23-25 at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont. The program will coincide with this summer's Camp USY-Kadima for grades 5-12.

The Alumni program will include all meals (strictly kosher), open waterfront, evening programs, a Shabbat in the country with the USYers and much more. The total cost for the weekend is $85 per person. If you would like more information, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director, 789-0579. Act now, space is limited.

CAMP NAIVELT 60TH BIRTHDAY

Come one! Come all! Camp Naivelt is celebrating its 60th birthday Aug. 2-5. Invitations are being sent out to all former campers of Long Branch, Rouge Hills, Kinderland and Naivelt to join in a weekend of fun and friendship on the banks of the Credit River.

For details, call 789-5502 or 451-8576.

CONCERNED WITH INTERMARRIAGE

Seminars on rational approaches to an emotional issue preventing intermarriage are being conducted for concerned parents, relatives and friends by a new educational service. A trained staff of educators and rabbis provides the intellectual basis often lacking in the usual urgent emotional appeals.

For information, call 789-4149, days.

USDS 25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

United Synagogue Day School will be celebrating its 25th anniversary year at a reunion planned for April 19, 1986. All graduates and former staff are invited to join in this event.

If you would like more information or would like to help or have any suggestions, call the school office, 781-5658.

YOUTH YEAR GRANTS

Applications are now available at Toronto City Hall for International Youth Year grants.

Non-profit volunteer associations and youth organizations may be eligible to receive up to $500 for an International Youth Year program or project.

Applications and eligibility information are available between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. at the information services desk, main floor, City Hall.

The City of Toronto Youth Actionline has information on this and other International Youth Year programs. Call 947-1985.

KENSINGTON KARNIVAL

In the three years since its inception, the Kensington Karnival has evolved into a multicultural, multimedia, performance art festival and this year's event is going to be the liveliest yet. It takes place July 6 and 7 in Bellevue Square Park, right in the heart of Kensington market.

It starts off with a colorful parade that will weave through the market, accompanied by the Kensington Klown Band. After the parade reaches Bellevue Square Park, a group of dancers will perform the opening rituals, a ceremony celebrating life and the four elements, to kick off the Karnival

Some of the events scheduled are puppet shows, story telling, mime shows, inventors' corner, art corner, circus bizarro, pauper's market (where nothing is sold for over $3), The Tropicanas (Caribbean steel band), The Kenyon-Morgan Band, a medicine show and a kids' decorated bike contest.

Staged for the first time will be Scenario Ambulante/Moving Scenes, a 1-hour street event that will move throughout the market, steering the audience with it.

Kensington Karnival '85 is presented by the Kensington Karnival Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together the many local artists and ethnic groups in the community.

For further information, call **Ida Carnevali**, 598-8195.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is a popular group of senior entertainers under the direction of **Doris Fleishman** accompanied by **Elaine Duff** at the piano. The group's July performances include Tuesday, the 9th, at 2 p.m. at Best View Nursing Home, 77 Main St., and Sunday, the 21st, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Friendship Club, Ajax, Ont.

For further information about this versatile group, call 248-4764 or 222-7422 or 633-2527.

COTA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Community Occupational Therapy Associates (COTA) is a non-profit corporation offering a variety of occupational therapy services to people in their homes and communities.

Volunteers are needed for visiting homebound clients, outings with individual clients, care for the chronically ill so as to provide relief for families, social/recreational programs and community rehabilitation programs.

If you are interested in participating in the volunteer program, COTA offers excellent training opportunities, close supervision, support and a very rewarding experience. People who are disabled or unable to get out, work for the telephone volunteer program, which is becoming a very successful support network.

For information, call 485-6384.

U OF T TOURS

Although the University of Toronto is primarily an institution of higher education, in the summer it becomes a tourist attraction. You can become more familiar with Canada's largest university by taking a free walking tour of its St. George campus.

This is an opportunity to see the university's beauty and architectural diversity and learn about its history, its founders, and scientists and scholars.

A special feature of this year's tour is an exhibition mounted in Hart House in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the admission of women to the U of T.

Student guides conduct the hour-long tours three times daily, Monday to Friday. They start at the Map Room of Hart House, west of Queen's Park Cres. at Wellesley St., at 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 and 2.30 p.m. Tours are conducted in English and in French, upon request.

For more information on the free campus tours, call 978-5000 during office hours.

BLOORVIEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Enjoy pool fun while assisting in a swim program at Bloorview Children's Hospital located at Leslie and Sheppard. If you are 16 or over, available one or two afternoons a week during the summer and would like the experience of working with handicapped children, call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

LUBAVITCH PLAY GROUP

Leave your child to play, learn and grow in a Jewish atmosphere with qualified teachers. The Lubavitch Play Group, for children 2-3 years of age, runs Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, at 44 Edinburg Dr. (at Bathurst, north of Wilson).

Register your child now for the coming year, which starts in the fall. Call **Reva** at 638-2566 for information and registration.

BIRTHDAY VISIT

Parents of pre-schoolers, ages 2-6, are invited to celebrate their child's birthday with a tour of the Don Mills Library. This program is offered daily through to Aug. 31 during library hours. Phone 449-3711 to book an appointment.

WANTED: THREE SPECIAL PEOPLE

Three special people are needed as volunteers at Baycrest Terrace. The volunteer department is looking for a Yiddish-speaking drama direc-

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REDDY IS GUEST

Pop singer Helen Reddy was the guest of honor at a State of Israel Bonds Women's Division Sponsor Luncheon held at the residence of Louise Cornblum. She told the audience of 80 women about her strong convictions and support of women's issues such as independence and self defence. From left to right are Yetta Randall and Reggie Levenstadt, co-chairmen of the luncheon, Helen Reddy, hostess Louise Cornblum and Women's Division chairman Sheila Rothman. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

BOWLATHON CHECK

Aviva Heller accepts a check from grade 9 Associated Hebrew Schools student Mark Lichtblau, representing proceeds from recent bowlathon on behalf of the Ronald Heller Fund for Ethiopian Jewry. The sum of $2,512.25 was raised for the project named for Mrs. Heller's late husband. Also in the photo are Judy Hagashi (left) and Susan Herhskop. [Graphic Artists photo]

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tor to work with the Terrace drama group, a music director to set up a music program and a Yiddish-speaking group leader to run discussions on current events and politics and such.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, contact **Sandra Paquette**, volunteer services, 789-5131, ext. 458.

at the jcc

The North-East Jewish Community Centre's Women Over 40 group is having its annual pot luck dinner. Bring a dish and a lounge chair and share a meal with friends. The date is Wednesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. at **Bettie Raibmon's** home.

RSVP by calling her by July 8 so that she will be able to coordinate the dishes. Her number is 881-4213. For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

The NE Couples Over 40 group invites you to the first event presented by the new committee — A July Fest. It will be a barbecue and swim party and dance. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends.

Lockers and and showers will be available. Be sure to bring your bathing suits. The date is Sunday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The cost is $13 per couple. You must reserve by July 15. RSVP by calling **Ruth Cooper** at 225-2531 or **Shelly Greisman** at 493-2766 or **Laura Goldstein** at 665-4524.

singles

The **JCC Valley Singles** event on Sunday, July 7, is a barbecue and dance. Spend a summer's evening in country-like surroundings, enjoy good food and pleasant company. The season's events have had much success and have been enjoyed by a lot of singles of all ages. Don't miss out on this one. It all begins at 7 p.m., with the barbecue served from 8-9.30 p.m., followed by the dance with DJ **Mickey Kay** until midnight. Charge is $6 members, $8 non-members. The event is co-sponsored by the **North-East Jewish Single/Single Parent Group**.

Join **Club Kinneret** for the second annual visit to the Catskills at the Concord Hotel during singles week, Aug. 21-25. Price includes three gourmet meals daily, bus tours, nightly entertainment, daily activities and much more. A visit to New York City, is optional. For information and reservations, call **Paul**, 593-0600, days. A deposit is required now to reserve good accommodation.

A reminder that the first International Jewish Singles Conference takes place Aug. 7-11 in Denver, Colo. It is sponsored by World Jewish Singles and the Jewish Singles Community of Denver. For information, contact **Ros Chelouche**, Orbit International, 437 Madison Ave., New York, NY, 10022. Her telephone number is (212) 758-4244.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., is hosting a garden party on Thursday, July 11, from 1.30-3 p.m. Visitors from Mon Sheong Home for the Aged, the Hebrew Club for the Blind and the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre will join Wagman Centre members and Terrace residents to enjoy performances by singer **Mila Kanev**, keyboard player **Sasha Starr** and a dance group.....Members of the Wagman Centre's creative arts have joined craft groups around the world in creating a peace banner. Members **Molly Franklin, Aida Goldberg, Rachel Gothelf, Greta Hall** and **Anne Jacobsen** designed and sewed a panel of ribbon which will be joined with others and sent to Washington where it will encircle the Pentagon as a reminder of the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Twenty-five **Baycrest Centre Day Care** members visited True Davidson Acres recently. The outing was part of Project Shalom, a multicultural exchange between seniors, and included a barbecue lunch, a tour and entertainment.

Jubilee Club of Adath Sholom Synagogue invites you to a Mix and Mingle social evening of dancing and sing-song on Monday, July 8, at 8 p.m. at 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Come out an socialize. Admission is free for members and $1 for guests. Please bring membership cards.

Join **Club Chaverim** at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, when **Donna Kaplan**, an expert in the area of health, fitness and nutrition, dicusses how you can maximize your personal energy and feel better everyday. The program takes place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is 50 cents members, 75 cents non-members. Wear comfortable clothing. Come at noon and join the group for lunch ($1.25). For more information, call **Fran Chodak**, 889-0813.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club summer ongoing programs include folk dancing on Mondays from 10.30-11.30; art appreciation series with **Alex Darrell** every other Monday from 1-3 p.m. beginning July 8; oil painting as usual on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Other programs will resume in the fall.....Limited reservations are available for the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills July 14-23. A wonderful holiday is guaranteed.....Keep in mind the trip to Israel and Amsterdam planned for early November. Make an early reservation. Call **Lena** at 782-2262 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI), in co-operation with Humber College, is presenting Current Events with **Prof. Gary Berman**. This course will help people to apply sufficient information to real-life situations by offering a wide selection of newspaper articles and then posing questions.

It starts Tuesday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, and continues through to Sept. 17. Fee is $7 seniors, $12 non-seniors. Pre-registration is required. Enrol at the centre or call **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

The Last 200 Years of European Jewish History (1780s-1980s) with **Prof. Emanuel Goldberg** continues Mondays, July 8 and 15, from 1.30-3.30 p.m. Fee is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

The literary luncheon on Monday, July 8, at 11.30 a.m. features **David Lewis Stein**, author of The Golden Age Hotel. This is for members only. The cost is $4.

The Wednesday afternoon program on July 10 at 1.30 presents singer **Ilene Brass**. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

About People

DAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Aaron Nussbaum has been elected president of the Toronto Association of Jewish Day School Administrators. Educational director of United Synagogue Day School, he has just completed a 2-year term as president of the Educators' Assembly, a national body of Conservative school professionals.

Bernard Shoub, director of school finances of the Board of Jewish Education, will be serving as secretary-treasurer for the day school administrators association.

CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI

Several Canadian women will be attending the upcoming United Nations End-of-Decade for Women Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, this month.

Cecily Peters, president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO will be there as one of the 10 non-governmental observers from World WIZO. Others from Canadian Hadassah-WIZO include **Mirial Small** of Toronto, honorary past president; **Naomi Frankenburg** of Vancouver, vice-president; **Stella Torontow** of Ottawa, honorary vice-president; and Montrealers, **Clara Balinsky**, honorary past president, and her husband **Charles Balinsky**, **Carol Koffler** and **Lily Frank**, national executive director.

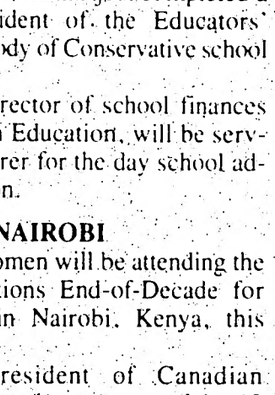
Dorothy Shoichet, past national president of Women's Canadian ORT, will officially represent her organization.

TEMPLE HAR ZION OFFICERS

At Temple Har Zion **Jerry Greenglass** has been elected president for a 2-year term. Vice-presidents are **Jessie Caryll, Larry Maker, Ian Ser, Les Budd** and **Derek Gosselim**. Immediate past president is **Zelda Farber**.

MAX STERN SCHOLAR

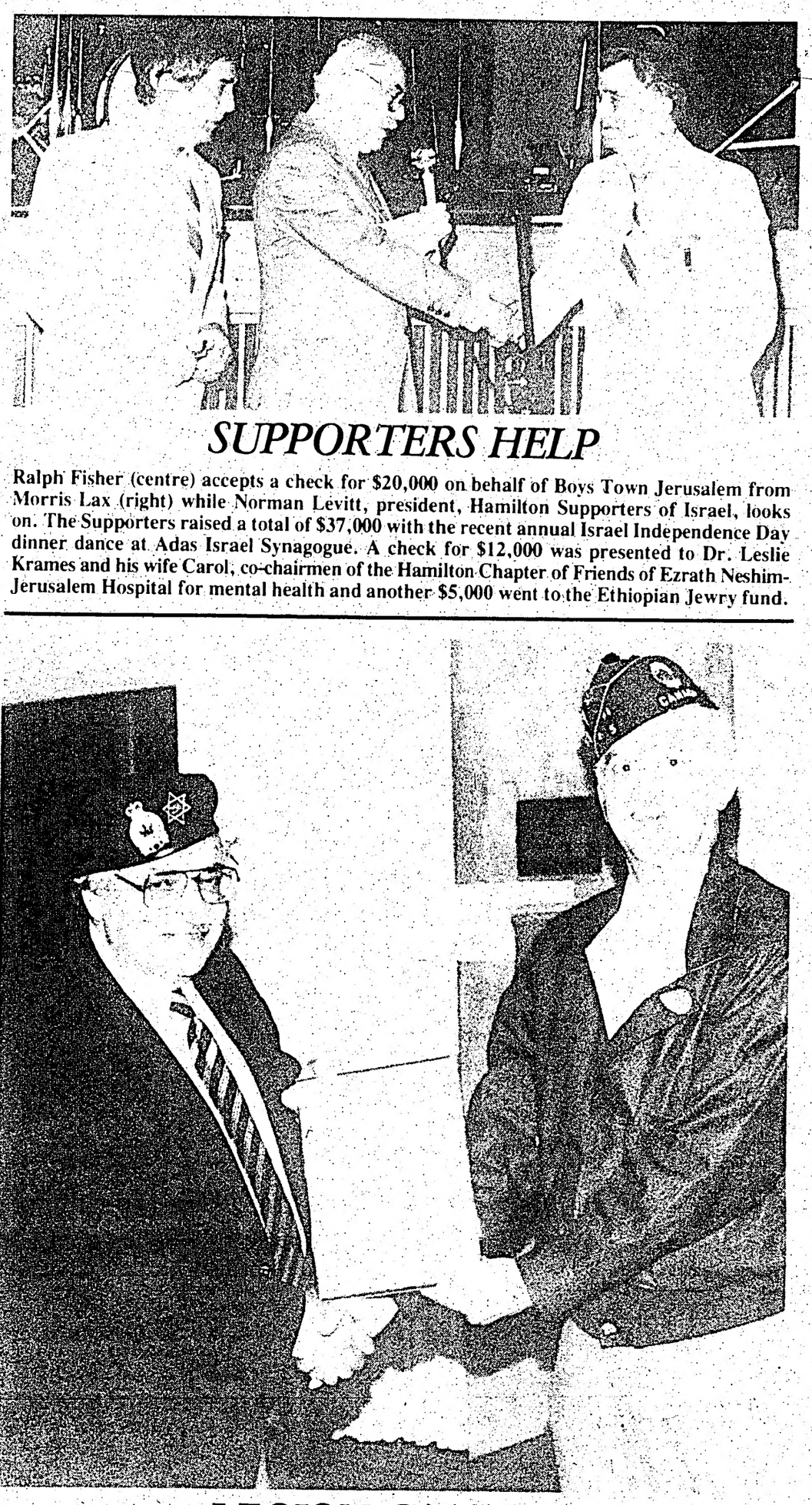
Torontonian **Wendy Zierler** has been chosen as a Max Stern Scholar. She was selected for this honor and distinction by the Yeshiva University Max Stern Scholar Award Committee from among the finest academic talent in America. Max Stern Scholars are entitled to an annual award of $5,000.



Wendy Zierler

Wendy, 19, attended Associated Hebrew Schools and then CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto), graduating in 1984. She spent this past year at Michlelet Bruria in Israel and will enter Stern College (journalism course) of Yeshiva University this fall.

She is the daughter of **David and Marian Zierler**.



SUPPORTERS HELP

Ralph Fisher (centre) accepts a check for $20,000 on behalf of Boys Town Jerusalem from Morris Lax (right) while Norman Levitt, president, Hamilton Supporters of Israel, looks on. The Supporters raised a total of $37,000 with the recent annual Israel Independence Day dinner dance at Adas Israel Synagogue. A check for $12,000 was presented to Dr. Leslie Krames and his wife Carol, co-chairmen of the Hamilton Chapter of Friends of Ezrath Neshim-Jerusalem Hospital for mental health and another $5,000 went to the Ethiopian Jewry fund.

LEGION CITATION

President Sydney Sears (left) of the General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion accepts, on behalf of the branch, a Citation for Meritorious Service from Al Pohn, past commander, department of Canada, The American Legion, which was "...presented for the courageous stand the branch made against the inactivity of the Canadian government in the prosecution of Nazi war criminals and the dissemination of hate literature such as was evinced by the trial of Ernst Zundel."

Educators to look at Israel's system

NEW YORK —

Three Canadians who are graduate students at Yeshiva University's David Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration in New York City, will be among a group of 17 educators who will study the educational system in Israel this summer as part of a program to train Jewish educational supervisors and administrators for the Jewish community.

The three Canadians are Rabbi Charles Grysman, vice-principal of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate in Winnipeg; Rabbi Baruch Hilsenrath, principal of Akiva Academy in Calgary; and Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, a principal of the Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto.

Pioneered program

The Jewish Agency's L. A. Pincus Jewish Education Fund for the Diaspora, which pioneered the program in 1980 with a grant of $345,000, has donated an additional $90,000 to fund the 1985 summer program and the continuation of the second cycle until its completion.

Most of the 17 AGI students who are journeying to Israel are studying towards doctoral degrees in Jewish education at the institute.

They will leave this week and spend more than six weeks in Israel, attending classes taught by Jewish educational specialists from Bar-Ilan University and other educational institutions.

The students have already spent two summers studying administration and supervision in Jewish education in New York. During the intervening years, they have continued to work in educational administration or teaching positions near their homes.

Organizations and People

Anglican supports synagogue, schools

Custodian wins respect of Jewish community

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Arthur Collins, the 84-year-old custodian of the Ulpanat Orot Girls' School and Mishkan Abraham Synagogue, housed in the same building on Canyon Ave., is a most unusual man.

Though he is not a Jew, he donates a good part of his monthly earnings to buy items which are needed for the synagogue and schools. A certificate of honor attesting to his generosity hangs on the wall.

Presented on his 80th birthday, it reads: "In grateful appreciation of the philanthropic support which has helped uphold and enhance the ideal of Jewish education and the Spirit of Torah and Zion." The certificate is signed by N. Sokol, president, and S. Koschitzky, chairman of the board.

An Anglican, Collins has worked in this job since the day 17 years ago when he answered an ad from the Hebrew Men of England Congregation which at that time occupied the building. "When it passed into new hands. I just went with the building," he told The CJN.

The new occupants have never regretted it because Collins is beloved by the students, parents, teachers and staff. "I've known him since I was a little girl," said Hadassa Jakabovits, 17, whose father Rabbi Shlomo Jakabovits is principal of Eitz Chaim general studies.

On his 70th birthday, Collins began a tradition of sponsoring a Sabbath kiddush every June 15 for the Orthodox congregation. As well, in fair weather or foul on Saturday mornings, he can be found greeting the members outside the synagogue door when services are over.

"The weather never stops an Orthodox Jew from coming to synagogue," he commented.

Collins has learned over the years to keep the stock of liquor he buys for his annual kiddush out of reach of the venerable early morning minyan members who like to tipple a bit when prayers are concluded. "I've got the bottles stashed away underground where no one will find them," he confided, with a wink.

"Not many people will keep an 84-year-old man on the payroll," he said, in tribute to his employers. Though he resides in the senior citizens' building at Bathurst and Steeles, he also has the use of a room in the synagogue-school, and it includes a comfortable armchair, purchased by grateful students.

"He's donated many things to the building, including carpets and drapes," said Bea Tanenbaum, the school's secretary.

In the days when it was the Hebrew Men of England synagogue, Collins used to round up members for minyans by approaching men in cars along the street in front of the high-rise apartments nearby. "Some of them were not too friendly," he recalled.

" 'You're not even a Jew, why are you so concerned?' one said to me. And I said, 'it's your duty as a Jew to come to synagogue when you're called.' I even asked them for their phone numbers in case we needed them in the future. Some of them weren't too happy about that."

It used to make him sad, he said, to see hundreds of people pass the synagogue doors on Saturday mornings when he knew the sanctuary was not full.

But that problem disappeared, he said, when it became an Orthodox Congregation. "We've got 11 synagogues around us, but it's amazing what a turnout we get on the Sabbath," he said.

Collins is alone in the world, except for an 87-year-old sister and a half-brother in England, and of course, all his friends at the school. He hasn't seen his sister for 56 years, but one of his synagogue friends arranged a phone call to her for him as a surprise.

He was born in Liverpool, served with the British army in India and came to Canada when he was 25. He rode the freight trains to Winnipeg looking for work.

"I've never had cash relief and I've never had an unemployment insurance check. I don't know what they look like," he said proudly.

For 20 years, before he took his present job, he was a custodian at a church on Dufferin St. and used to wonder about the services which were held in the old Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on St. Clair Ave. W. "I've been religiously minded all my life," he said. Of the services in the Mishkan Abraham Synagogue, he says: "They are dignified and impressive."

He is grateful for the time when members of the shul helped him through a serious illness in 1979, and students visited him regularly at Branson Hospital. Physicians who are members of the shul, among them Dr. Benjamin Massouda, Dr. Bernard Green and Dr. Benjamin Fisher, have attended to his medical care.

"These have been the best 17 years of my life," Collins said. "There are a lot of fine people here."

Family reunion rekindles past

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
In the late 19th century Berel, Mattes and Chaim-Srul Krugel came to Toronto to begin a new life in the new world.

In the late 20th century, their descendants gathered to remember their ancestors' beginnings and recall old times.

And the memories conjured up during a recent weekend reunion by more than 70 family members make up a colorful history of early Toronto Jewish life.

The first Krugels came from Galicia between 1893 and 1895 with Berel and Mattes settling on Gerrard St. and Chaim-Srul residing on Walton St, says Harvey Freeman whose mother Sarah, was Berel's daughter.

Their contemporary relatives stayed at the same site for their get together. The Delta Chelsea Inn now occupies the Gerrard St. address and is expanding to Walton St.

In 1899, the three original Krugels were among the founding members of the Shomer Shabbos Anshei Ostreich Minhag Sephard Synagogue. It exists today as the Shomrai Shaboth Chevra Mishnayoth at 585 Glengrove Ave.

The second generation began to disperse with family members settling in Detroit, Chicago and "points West," but not before some of them had some pretty interesting experiences.

In the late 1920s Murray Krugel was a Canadian amateur middleweight wrestling contender and just missed winning a place on the Canadian Olympic team.

But in August 1933, he found himself fighting in a different way against members from some so-called "Swastika clubs" during the Christie-Pits riots. "He wound up with the nazi flag after hammering some nazi during the riot," Freeman says.

Louis Krugel

During World War II Murray Krugel put his combative prowess to use as an unarmed combat instructor with the U.S. army.

Louis Krugel also had military beginnings. During World War I he served with the Royal Canadian Coast Artillery in Halifax.

Later, he caught the show business bug and on the pretense of becoming a cantor went to New York. However, once there he formed a song and dance act known as Krugel & Robles.

With the death of vaudeville, Louis Krugel found himself a variety of entertainment roles in Toronto, and eventually became an assistant to E.P. Taylor.

Not all of the Krugel family were able to attend the reunion. Two members from California could not come because they are members of the JDL and are not allowed into Canada.

Freeman says another possible relative (the relationship has not been completely established), Frantisek Krigel, could not attend because he is under house arrest in Czechoslovakia.

But those who participated, especially the kids, enjoyed "trodding the same steps as their great, great grandparents did," Freeman says. However, he adds that the bus tour of Kensington "was like an Egged bus trying to manuever through the shuk in Jerusalem."

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We've had a great year!

Whether it's receiving an international award or building a cedar-strip canoe, our staff and students are winners. Here are some highlights of our successful year:

The chemistry was there, and North York students responded by making an outstanding showing at the University of Waterloo Chem 13 Contest. **Ian Theil** of George S. Henry, **Anthony Sukdeo** of Emery C.I. and **Christopher Wah** of Northview Hts. all scored in the top 1% of 6,000 contestants.

Northview Heights' **Robert Sherman** knows all the right moves. He's the top Grade 10 chess player in Metro.

Victory in chess also came to Queensborough Junior High School. Grade 8 students **Atsuyuki Suzuki, Mike Stewart, Chris Theodorou, Steven Rumazza** and **Robert Pinchak** won the 1985 Toronto Chess Challenge.

The staff at Newtonbrook S.S. were Cup Winners at the Nice Guys Hockey Tournament.

Fiona MacLean of Emery C.I., hit the bullseye and won the Ontario High School Ladies' Championship.

Computer whizzes **Philip Chong** and **Eric Ruppert** don't have any problems. The two Dublin Heights' students were the impressive first place winners in the University of Wisconsin International Computer Problem-Solving Contest.

Simone Schmiedhammer of Northview Heights S.S. is on her way to England. She won the two week trip for placing first in the Marzipan Competition at the Bakers Showcase Convention. **Barry Boland**, also of Northview Heights placed third in Marzipan and Cake Decorating.

Sandra Dipietrantonio leads 20 min. workouts every Friday morning at Dublin Heights Elementary and Junior High School.

The George S. Henry Girls' Curling Team won the Ontario Championship at OFSAA.

For 12 years, the students and staff at Northview Heights S.S. have been helping patients at the Hospital for Sick Children. This year Grade 11 and 12 students specially designed and produced arm chair tray boards.

The bon mots of **Anna Cellucci** and **Silvana Filipelli** of Emery C.I. earned them a 2nd and 3rd at the Toronto French Contest.

Wunderbar! That was the reaction to the two firsts and a second won at the Regional Ontario German Contest by **Marian Hassam, Monika Lamm** and **Caroline Ormrod** of George S. Henry S.S.

At the Ontario Italian Language Contest, **Vito Cuddemi** of C.W. Jefferys S.S. was awarded first in the Senior Division. **Rosanna Decarvalho** of Emery C.I. and **Alyson Peckett** of Downsview S.S. achieved a second and a third place finish.

Veni, vidi, vici. That might have been the motto of **Susy DaCosta** of Downsview S.S. and **David Allinson** of York Mills C.I. They tied for first at the University of Waterloo Latin Contest. **Jill Archer** of York Mills C.I. was third.

The Boys' Team from Elia J.H.S. scored a victory by becoming the Ontario Indoor Hockey Champions.

Hillar Lainevool of Newtonbrook S.S. is the OFSAA Champion in the 50m Freestyle.

Meet the best Grade 9 mathematics students in Canada. Zion Heights Junior High School students **Philip Jong, Milton Howe, Bradley Crafton** and **Hareesh Kesavan** are the first to achieve a perfect score at the Canadian Mathematics competition sponsored by the University of Waterloo.

Henry Kwok of A.Y. Jackson S.S. finished 4th in Canada at the 1985 Euclid Mathematics Contest. The Grade 12 team added to the victory by placing fourth in Ontario and seventh in Canada.

Bridget Arrindell of Downsview S.S. found gold in San Francisco. She brought home two medals and the grand trophy for finishing first at the DECA Food Marketing competition held in San Francisco.

Olympic hopeful **Melanie Craig** is one of Metro's fastest sprinters. The twelve year old Don Valley Junior High School student came first in the 40m. at the Star Indoor Games.

The Haigwomen triumph again! Once again, the Earl Haig Senior Girls Volleyball team brought home the honours: a championship banner from the University of Toronto tournament, a first place trophy from the York University competition, and a medal from the OFSAA Tournament of Champions.

How will the world look in 25 years? Forest Manor Public School students made their predictions and buried them in a time capsule which will be unearthed in the year 2009.

Anita Allwood, a Grade 9 Bathurst Heights student, reached new heights as Metro Champion in the Midget Girls High Jump.

Alvaro Jaramillo knows where he's going. The Don Mills C.I. student placed first in the senior division of the Trent University Map-Making Contest.

Budding author **Chris Ahmad** from Hillmount P.S. has written 24 books for publication.

Eric James of Bathurst Heights S.S. went the distance. He's the Metro record holder in long jump and came fourth at the All Ontario Track Meet.

Orthel Papadakos of Don Mills J.H.S. has been breaking barriers. The Grade 9 girl is captain of the Don Mills boys' basketball team. She led the team to victory in the North York Championship and was named most valuable player of the tournament.

7,800 children from 82 elementary, middle and junior high schools in North York participated in "Music in the City" ... a celebration of musical excellence.

At the National Finals, **Monica Covacci** showed the form that makes her the top-ranked female gymnast in Canada. Monica is a 13 year old student in the Seneca-North York Sports Program at the Claude Watson School for the Arts. She is the first Canadian to win the three national gymnastics titles in three years.

On a musical note, **Mami Kuroda** of Donview Heights was one of two Ontario finalists in her age group chosen to compete at the Canadian Music Competition in Winnipeg. The George S. Henry Girls' Choir won first place at Kiwanis. The Westview Centennial and Jane Junior High School bands also had impressive wins at Kiwanis.

Outstanding swimmer **Bernhard Volz** is making a splash on the sports scene. The 16 year old from Earl Haig Secondary School ranks second in Canada in the 1500m. freestyle. He's the youngest male ever to be on a Canadian swim team.

Yvonne Purvis danced her way to the top. The 17 year old student at the Claude Watson School for the Arts was named Miss Dance Canada (Ontario Division).

Ingrid Fairbrother of Emery Collegiate Institute is the Ontario High School Ladies' Champion in badminton.

Staff and students at Downsview Secondary School are proud of their self-built cedar-strip canoe.

Grade 4 student **Ilan Zilberman** from Rockford Public School "put a bicycle together from all the parts."

Leonard Moll of Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School was honoured with the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award for his exceptional volunteer community work with the mentally and physically disabled.

Nine year old **Carolyn Quesnelle** wanted desperately to help needy children in Africa. In response, Karen Public School organized a sale of recycled items and raised over $1,000.00. Many other schools in North York have raised thousands of dollars to support the Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Fund, the Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund, the needy in Ethiopia, and other charities.

Staff

Mr. Reilly of Pierre Laporte J.H.S. was voted the Curl Canada Coach of the Year.

Charles Ledger of Zion Heights and **Margaret Tierney** of Kingslake Public School are this year's winners of the Claude Watson Award. The award is presented annually to teachers who best exemplify the qualities of compassion, innovation and dedication to learning.

Mae Waese, Chair of the North York Board of Education, is the newly elected President of the Association of Large School Boards of Ontario. In her new role, she will continue to spearhead the efforts of educators to provide quality education in Ontario.

Debbie Jackson of George S. Henry won the North York Secretary Award for 1984.

Teacher aide **Sue Inwood** was given an award from the Council for Exceptional Children for her six years of service to orthopaedically handicapped children at Don Mills Junior High School and Don Mills Collegiate Institute.

Tom Decker of Westview Centennial has a way with words. After much success in editing a newsletter on computer applications in English, he's been asked to start a similar one to be distributed in the United States and Canada.

Trustee **Elsa Chandler** was one of three Canadians recognized for her unique contribution to education at the Ottawa gathering of Holocaust survivors.

John Connell, Superintendent of Special Programs and Services, received the Educational Leader Award from the Council for Exceptional Children.

Lesley Wasylenki and **Sheila Dvorchik** from Don Mills J.H.S. have published a book on computers for students in both French and English.

Marjorie Perkins, Head of Assessment Service and Chief Psychologist, won the President's International Award from the National Association of School Psychologists.

Jim Smith, Chief Consultant for Special Education, won the President's Award from the Council for Exceptional Children.

The Board has recently received two honours: a National Award from the Canadian Council for Multicultural-Intercultural Education, and an Affirmative Action Award from the Ontario government.

NORTH YORK BOARD OF EDUCATION

See you in September . . .

Organizations and People

10,000 visitors at pavilion

Torontonians get appetizing taste of Jerusalem

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — The sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the eternal city of Jerusalem briefly came to Toronto recently during the annual International Caravan (June 21-29).

The Jerusalem pavilion, sponsored by the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, was one of 48 pavilions which lured the urban dweller on a trip of world proportions.

A special addition to Caravan this year was the International Youth Year pavilion sponsored by the ministry of state for youth with a $25,000 grant. The pavilion featured performances and exhibitions of Canadian youth in the arts and athletics.

Jerusalem pavilion chairman Marty Pressman estimates that 10,000 people sampled the displays, food, and live entertainment of Jerusalem this year. He says the attendance figures for 1985 mark an increase over the two previous years.

This years' edition of Jerusalem was dedicated to the late Charles Goldlust, a past vice president of B'nai B'rith Canada and a past chairman of the pavilion. The special feature was an entire cast of local entertainers.

Inside, Ahuva sang an international selection of songs, the Nirkoda and Settlement dance groups performed Israeli and international folkdancing, and belly-dancer Tova strutted her stuff. Outside, in the courtyard, more music from singers and guitarists.

Displays by Pioneer Women, El Al, Nili's T's (offering T-shirts with logos from Israeli beers and crests of Jerusalem) and an art exhibit by Art Ampersand rounded out the offerings.

"Everything has been well received, including the food," Pressman said, noting that former Ontario premier Frank Miller was one of many satisfied visitors.

The Settlement dancers performing Israeli folkdancing at the Jerusalem pavilion during Caravan. Co-producers of both the indoor and outdoor shows were Steven Lokash and Nelson Hudes.

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Organizations and People

Associated Hebrew Schools anniversary dinner

Tributes flow for beloved Rabbi Gedalia Felder

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

The recent 78th anniversary dinner of Associated Hebrew Schools was an evening filled with tributes to Rabbi Gedalia Felder.

But the most moving tribute of all came not from school officials but from a man too young to remember, when the revered Toronto rabbi taught the first grade 9 class at Associated in 1957.

Rabbi Felder's son Yaacov, himself a rabbi, had just responded to warm praise for the senior Felder from Associated's educational director, Rabbi Akiva Egozi.

Then he bent down and kissed his father, seated in the wheelchair to which he has been confined since suffering a stroke last year.

As the two men shared a moment of joy and pride in each other, more than 500 people in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's banquet hall rose — many with tears in their eyes.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder, a renowned scholar and author of many important rabbinical works, is a member of the halachic commission of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) and the spiritual leader of Shomrai Shaboth Congregation Chevra Mishnayoth.

But he is best known to the Toronto Jewish community as the chairman of the Rabbinical Va'ad Hakashruth of Canadian Jewish Congress (COR).

His presence at the dinner was ample confirmation of Rabbi Egozi's words: "You are an inspiration to all of us."

Calling him "a scholar, a possik (a rabbinic authority), a man of vision, of an abundant and feeling heart," Egozi described him as a true leader, "utterly impervious to public opinion."

"His Judaism is based upon his profound faith in God and his love for Torah . . . . He convinced many people that we can reach the heights."

In his response, Yaacov Felder said that his father "not only enlightened his students but inspired in them an appreciation for being committed and observant Jews."

Rabbi Felder's wife received her share of praise from dinner chairman Helene Green.

"They who do not seek honor find that honor seeks them," Green said, noting that Rebbitzin Batsheva Felder has been a constant source of "encouragement, support and inspiration to the rabbi."

Since Rabbi Felder taught that first grade 9 Hebrew class, Associated has grown explosively until it is now the largest Jewish day school in the world.

Harold Dessen can take credit for "ensuring that the school would remain of very high quality and very high standards" during that period, Dr. Arthur Kruger, dean of University of Toronto's Woodsworth College, said in presenting a plaque to the outgoing president.

In his response, Dessen outlined several issues which concern him: maintaining the primacy of Hebrew as a language of instruction; keeping Zionism an integral part of the program, and ensuring unity in the Jewish community.

"In order to survive, any group must function in harmonious unity.

"Our school was organized to serve the needs of the community at large and it must not deviate from this course," Dessen warned.

In his charge to incoming president Henry Koschitzky, Morris Kaufman repeated the challenge: "We must not rest on our laurels. Too many Jewish children receive no Jewish education whatsoever."

Thanking Koschitzky for his work as chairman of the Leslie St. branch building committee, Kaufman said: "Shuls preserve Jews; schools create Jews."

In his response, Koschitzky — a gold medallist in engineering and physics at the University of Manitoba and a former Rhodes Scholar — pledged that the $2,000,000 needed to complete the Leslie campus would be raised.

And, he added, "We must now find some land in northwest Toronto to start a new school."

Recalling that Associated students have studied in synagogues and portables all over the city, he insisted that "we have to make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Other tributes to the work of the school and its staff flowed throughout the evening.

"What you are doing is building a bridge between the Diaspora and Israel, without which there is no hope for the future of either the Diaspora or Israel," Israel Consul-General Gideon Saguy said.

And Toronto Jewish Congress president Ron Appleby thanked Associated for "78 years of dedication to the instilation of Torah and prayer and good deeds" in its students.

Former director of development and public relations Monty Mazin and Murray Weisbrod, who is retiring after 34 years as bus transportation coordinator, were also honored in presentations by Jack Brudner.

And in proof of Helen Greene's praise for the work of the staff, grade 8 student Moishe Goldstein gave the d'var Torah and Natalie Riback, also in grade 8, delivered the speech — on grandmothers — which won both Associated and Royal Canadian Legion public speaking awards.

Life board member Wilferd Gordon proposed the toasts to the Queen and the President of the State of Israel; Jack Kosoy made hamotzi; and graduating grade 9 student Aryeh Krasman led the grace after the meal.

(From left) Harold Dessen, Rabbi Gedalia Felder, Henry Koschitzky, and Helene Green at Associated Hebrew Schools dinner. [Graphic Artists photo]

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TORONTO —

It was a fund raising dinner with a difference.

The beneficiary was the Mount Sinai Hospital Research Centre expansion program. But the sponsors (and donors) were members of Metro Toronto's Chinese community.

Mount Sinai Hospital is located in the heart of a Chinese business and residential area and provides a full range of services to the Chinese community through its Chinese Outreach Program. In appreciation, the Chinese have pledged $500,000 for the Mount Sinai Research Centre, which opens shortly, and the $100-per-person dinner was one of the projects undertaken to reach that goal.

The dinner was held recently at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and attracted more than 700 — mainly from the Chinese community. No — the food wasn't Chinese. It was a roast beef meal, with fish for those who preferred it. An auction held during the dinner raised $18,000 over and above the amount realized from the dinner.

It was a bilingual event — speakers (except for the Jewish ones) used Chinese and English. But only O Canada was sung as the evening got under way.

One feature that may well be copied for Jewish community dinners was that there was no head table. "This is a grassroots effort," said Dr. Joseph Wong dinner co-chairman with Herbert Chang and Dr. Fai Liu. "Everybody," Dr. Wong continued, "is an honored guest."

Master of Ceremonies Chris Ho called it an "unprecedented" event in the history of the Chinese community and it demonstrated, he said, that people of all races can join freely for a worthy cause. "This dinner refutes the old belief that we care only about the snow on our own doorstep," Ho said. He added that 200 volunteers helped with the arrangements.

Dr. Wong had praise for the services extended by Mount Sinai and said "it is understandably appropriate for the Chinese community to reciprocate in terms of goodwill and concrete support. . . . We believe that the Chinese Canadian community is as generous as any other ethno-cultural community in Canada. We are proud to be Torontonians . . . to be Canadians. And we do not hesitate to contribute towards the common goal and wellbeing of our society as a whole."

Gerald Turner, president of Mount Sinai Hospital, said one of the major goals of Mount Sinai "is to meet the recognized total health needs of communities it serves." The program for the Chinese, he said, "is a commitment of heart, as well as resources, and its emphasis is centred on providing health care with dignity, respect, kindness and consideration. . . . It is an example of our mutual commitment to the highest quality of health care for the community."

Dr. Louis Siminovitch, who will head up the research centre, said outstanding scientists in various fields will be joining the centre, whose operation gets under way shortly. Some of the areas to be included in the research program include cancer, perinatology, degenerative arthritis and respirology.

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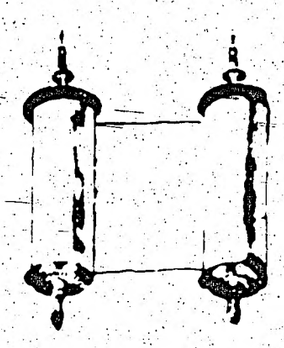

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN
Parshat Balak

It is better to bless than to curse. When you're filled with hate, you just destroy yourself.

The rabbi of Lemberg summoned one of his congregants to appear before him for a Din Torah (legal decision) with another litigant who had brought a complaint. The man refused to appear.

The litigant complained to the rabbi: "In the old days, people feared the judges. When a person refused to appear, the rabbi would warn that he would live out his year — and they would listen!" Answered the rabbi:

"But that was in the days that when a rabbi commanded that a Jew not live out his year, the Jew would listen and pass away respectfully. But today, even when I tell a Jew that he mustn't live out his year — he doesn't listen to me and lives many years.

* * *

The enemies of the Jews have always tried to curse and destroy us — but they cannot succeed.

Consider . . . the Israelites were on their majestic march to Eretz Yisrael when the wicked prophet Bilam got an emergency call from Balak, King of Moab: Go curse me this people . . . perhaps I can strike him, and drive him out of the land. . . . For I know he who you bless is blessed, and him who you curse is cursed. . . .

Interesting . . . the prophet Bilam had two powers — to bless and to curse. Balak could have asked that Bilam bless him and his people — why curse the Jews?

But it shows how deep was the hatred that burned in his heart. Whether he himself was blessed wasn't important — the main thing curse the Jews!

* * *

But when you have a good G-d, no one can ever harm you.

When Bilam set out on his wicked mission to curse the Jews, he was so enthusiastic that he personally saddled his own donkey.

Announced a heavenly voice: "Forget it! Father Abraham already preceded you in his enthusiasm. When I commanded him to offer up Isaac on the altar, he himself saddled his donkey with enthusiasm!"

What does Abraham have to do with wicked Bilam?

But it shows... Abraham was ordered by G-d to take his son and kill him. It was a test. If Isaac had indeed been sacrificed, then the fate of the whole Jewish people would have been doomed.

The knife was lifted, the throat was bared. Then suddenly! An angel announced: "Don't touch the child!"

It was a test. Extinction seemed imminent, but at the last instant G-d revealed that Isaac was to live and to raise a whole nation.

G-d wants Israel to live, not to die!

There are thousands of Bilams today who would like to curse and utterly wipe out the memory of Israel. Like Bilam, they saddle their bags with explosives . . . with unremitting, venomous hatred. L'cha arah lee Yaakov! Go cure Jacob!

Sometimes things look very bleak. The knife hangs over our necks. And yet . . . redemption will come!

Where there was emptiness, some day there will be love. Easy as ABC — Good Shabbes.

"Live, study, work"

Arad program aimed at graduates

Canadians now involved in the WUJS program include (from left) Dina Zbar, Vancouver; Darrel Sherman, Toronto; Barbara Edelstein, Sudbury; Beth Shapiro, Toronto; and Glen Goldstein, Montreal.

TORONTO —
In the 17 years that the World Union of Jewish Students Institute in Arad has been in existence, 4,000 graduates and professionals have participated in the institute's 1-year "Live, Study, Work" program, says the Israel Aliyah Centre.

The institute offers the only program in Israel specifically designed to attract young professionals, as yet undecided about aliya, but willing to commit themselves to one year exploring possibilities.

The WUJS program is restricted to graduates under the age of 30. Those taking part pay a nominal fee to cover institute running costs. The facilities available to students compare favorably with absorption centres — the main difference is that the participants are not required to apply for new immigrant status.

The 5½-month study program at the institute consists of two parts: an intensive Hebrew ulpan and the Jewish studies program. The aim of the Jewish studies program is to give students the opportunity "to develop or increase their Jewish experience and to familiarize them with the historical, social and political background of Israeli society."

The first part of the program also includes trips around the country, and students are introduced to communal living on the kibbutz of their choice.

During the second part of the program, students spend a minimum of seven months working in Israel. They are aided in their job search by the institute's full-time employment officer.

Approximately 60% of the students go on to work in their professions. Of the remainder, some volunteer for the Sherut La'am program or go on a kibbutz or a moshav. Others undertake further studies or join retraining programs, and some even decide to enlist in the army.

While the institute wants to encourage aliya, it is equally concerned that the decision is a realistic one, and will stand the test of time. The institute's director Michael Copeland believes the program's success speaks for itself, adding that between 30-40% of WUJS alumni are now living and working in Israel.

Copeland does not regard those who go back as failures. "There's no harm in having a few Jews abroad who speak Hebrew and have enjoyed a positive experience here," he says. "Many will come back at a later period, and others will perhaps send their children."

For further information, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 355, Downsview, Ont. M3J 2E5; (416) 665-7772.

Maimonides: "Renaissance man before the Renaissance"

TORONTO —
Moses Maimonides, the great 12th century Jewish philosopher, rabbinic authority and codifier of the Talmud, was "uniquely a product of his times," especially as a Jew in an Arab world, Rabbi Howard Joseph of Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Syngaogue said here recently.

Joseph told an audience at an evening honoring the 850th year of the philosopher's birth that Maimonides, (Moses Ben Maimon or "Rambam" as he is known in rabbinical literature) "did no less than master virtually every area of Jewish thought at the time," quite an achievement considering he lived in a hostile world and moved about to avoid persecution, finally settling in Egypt.

Maimonides, Joseph said in his commemorative lecture, wrote his 14-volume Mishna Torah in order to make Jewish teachings understandable and accessible to the average layman of the day. That's why, he pointed out, Maimonides wrote many of his tracts in Arabic, the language of the common man.

Maimonides was also a physician, astronomer and wrote on mathematics, Joseph added. He was a renaissance man before the Renaissance.

The evening was sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress Jews in Arab Lands Committee.

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Organizations and People

Ritual inspection of Torah scrolls, tefillin, mezuzot

Computer helps preserve Judaism's scribal arts

NEW YORK —

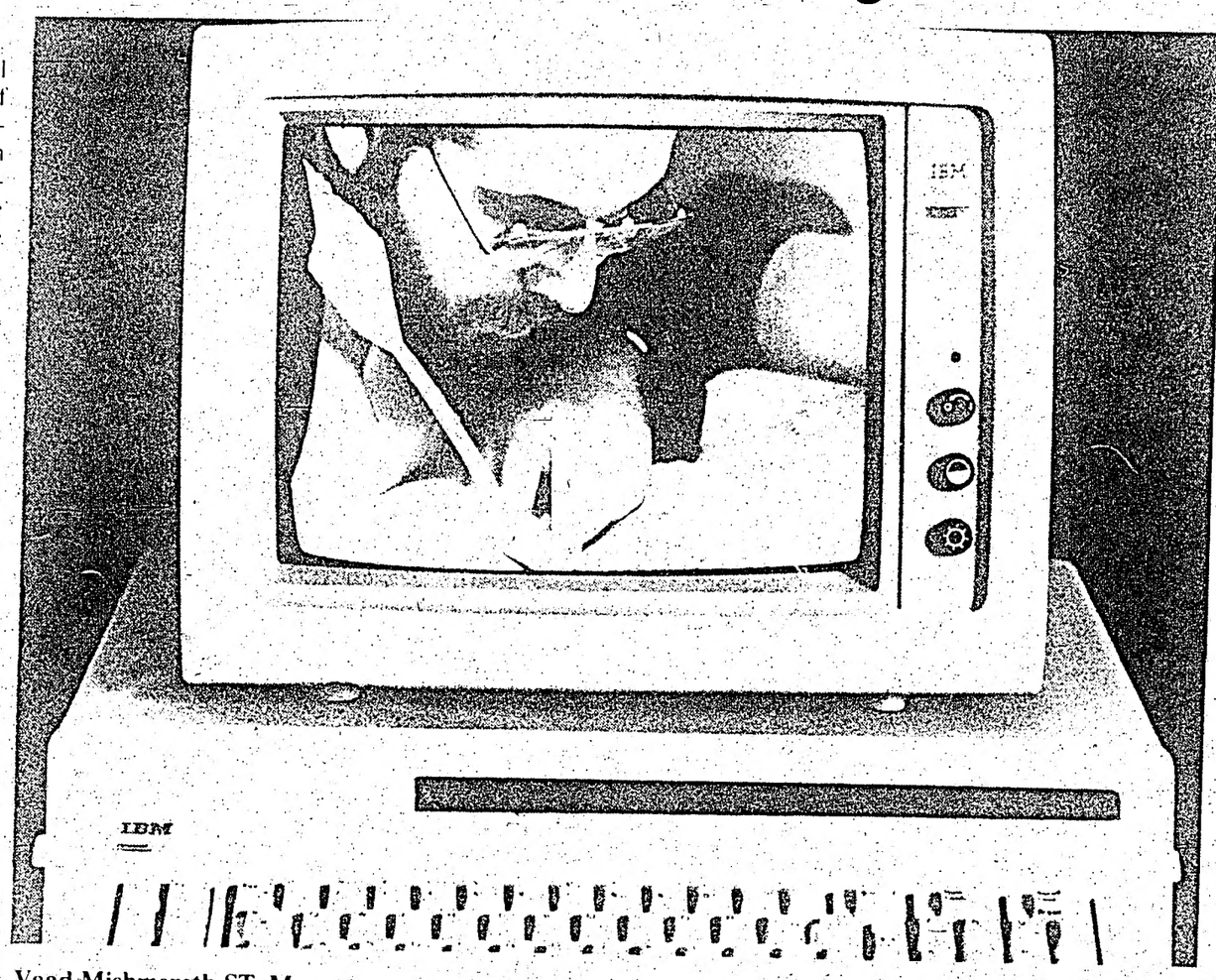
Judaism's ancient scribal arts, governed by a host of laws regulating the formation of the aleph-bet on parchment, is fast becoming compatible with the tool for modern times: the computer.

In particular, user-friendly computerese is being programmed for ritual inspection of the holiest artifacts in Jewish life, namely the Scrolls of the Torah, tefillin and mezuzot (acronym STaM).

While halacha maintains that these sacred objects be handwritten by a sofer, or scribe, the examination of STaM, when necessary, is being implemented utilizing the space-age technology of computerized scanners.

This state-of-the-art development is the result of years of research by Vaad Mishmereth STaM (freely translated as) a consumer protection agency dedicated to "preserve and promote the halachic integrity of the scribal arts."

The vaad, in association with Dr. Charles Naiman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), recently unveiled in Israel the functions for the STaM system. Employing optical character recognition (OCR) software, STaM scanners will be able to locate missing or extra letters and words, as well as identify letters that touch each other, all of which render sacred objects possul or invalid.



Vaad Mishmereth STaM, a consumer protection agency dedicated to preserve and promote the halachic integrity of the scribal arts, is developing software for computerized optical scanners which will check Torah scrolls, tefillin and mezuzot. [Douglas Goodman photo]

Of immediate benefit will be the dramatic reduction of time required to examine STaM. For example, a mezuzah, which consists of 713 letters can be read electronically in three seconds; the 3,188 letters of the tefillin will be able to be read in 1 minute, and the 304,805 letters of the Torah will take approximately four hours — one-tenth the time it would ordinarily require to examine.

Rabbi David Greenfeld, founder of Vaad Mishmereth STaM and headquartered in Israel, noted that the STaM system will ultimately increase the number of kosher Torah scrolls available for use.

"Many Torah scrolls," said Rabbi Greenfeld, "which were written during the last 50 to 100 years, are not being used — either because they are invalid or suspected of being so."

"Obviously, then," noted Henry Weiss, vice-president of Rapitech Inc. and a member of the vaad's board of directors, "the vaad's program will enable the scribe to repair existing Sifrei Torah more quickly. Consequently time effectiveness will be translated into cost effectiveness for the consumer."

Rabbi Yakov Basch, executive director of the vaad, emphasized that in no way will computerization replace the sofer, but serve only to assist him. "As a result of our computerized system," added Basch, "the scribe will be afforded more time to the writing of STaM."

Vaad Mishmereth STaM was founded in 1975 by Ralph Greenfeld and Rabbi Shmuel Granatstein, both of whom are soferim, when it became apparent that eight out of every 10 mezuzot they checked were not kosher.

While mezuzot are subject to the ravages of time and the elements, most of those found to be possul were due to widespread fraud.

"The vast majority of mezuzot in the market did not even meet the minimal requirements of halacha," stated Granatstein. "A large number of mezuzot checked contained doodles in the place of letters, not to mention the many mezuzot which were offset printed."

Since then, the vaad has continued to educate the consumer with a variety of publications, advertising campaigns ("Don't judge a mezuzah by its cover"), audio-visual presentations and public, free-of-charge examinations of STaM.

In addition, Vaad Mishmereth STaM established a school for scribes in 1979 to compensate for the acute shortage of soferim in the U.S. The school, which presently offers classes in Brooklyn and Monsey, NY, has graduated more than 175 skilled scribes, with present enrolment totalling 80 students.

For more information write to Vaad Mishmeret StaM, 4902 16th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11204; (718) 438-4963.

Rally designed to "bridge gap"

Bible gives hope to Jews—Saguy

By
REESA GARBER

TORONTO —

The lot of the Jewish people in the past 2,000 years all too often drove them to the valley of despair "but my people have been lifted to the peaks of hope once again because of what Christian and Jews have in common — the Bible," Israel Consul-General Gideon Saguy told a recent "Israel awareness rally" in Nathan Phillips Square.

The rally was sponsored by the Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem (ICEJ), and was designed to "bridge the gap" between Jews and Christians.

"All human beings who believe in God, be they Jews or Gentiles, should pray for social justice and human peace," Saguy said.

The consul-general, commenting on the TWA hijacking by Lebanese terrorists, said that "we must hope and pray that all hostages will be released without any harm, including the seven who have been segregated from the others because they were born with Jewish-sounding names."

Alan Lazerte, executive director of the ICEJ, noting that this was the second rally of his group to encourage a better understanding of Jews, said that "although two rallies isn't many, it's better than none. We are trying to swim against the current of the past 2,000 years and we are swimming upstream. We've got to start somewhere."

Lazerte denounced those anti-semites who speak of a Jewish conspiracy against the world. The truth, he said, is that there is a Gentile conspiracy to destroy Israel.

The Canadian Friends of ICEJ is planning to trip to Ottawa July 7 for a rally across the street from the Soviet embassy on behalf of Prisoners of Conscience, both Christians and Jews.

Aliya the answer

Several factors causing drop in Diaspora Jewry

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Diaspora Jewry is shrinking rapidly and by the year 2000 will number only 8 million, compared to 9.7 million Jews who presently live outside Israel, according to Minister of Labor and Welfare Moshe Katzav.

By 2025, the end of the first quarter of the next century, there could be as few as 5 million Jews left in the Diaspora, Katzav warned in the course of an address to the Zionist General Council which ended a week-long meeting here.

He said the forecast was based on scientifically conducted studies by demographic experts at his ministry.

The cause of the shrinkage will not be aliya to Israel but the erosion of Jewish population by a low birth rate, assimilation and intermarriage, Katzav said.

Katzav, one of the younger generation of leaders in the Herut branch of Likud, noted further that the Jewish population is aging rapidly abroad while the opposite is true in Israel where births outnumber deaths and intermarriage is virtually non-existent.

He said the negative demographic trends in the Diaspora go hand-in-hand with what he called the "lamentable" state of Jewish education abroad. A high proportion of Diaspora Jews receive no meaningful Jewish education at all, Katzav said.

"The crisis is much more urgent than people tend to realize. Whole communities will disappear. What has been preserving over centuries of suffering is in danger of fading away. Every Jew in the world is duty-bound to ask himself what his life's purpose is as a Jew," Katzav said.

His own prescription is aliya. "Philanthropic contributions are no substitute for aliya," the Likud minister said. He sounded the long familiar criticism of Zionist leaders in the Diaspora who fail to head their own preachings by not settling in Israel. The rising generation in Israel is not prepared to accept the traditional position of Diaspora Zionist leaders, he said.

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Parents perished in Holocaust

Life hasn't always been easy for CBC reporter

By
HENRY SREBRNIK

WASHINGTON —

In Canada, his name is a household word, his face instantly familiar. And everyone recognizes that Mitteleuropa accent long before the voice of "Joe Schlesinger, CBC News, Washington," signs off at the end of another story on The National.

At 57, Joe Schlesinger is graying and looks a bit rumpled; he has not had the easy life of a pencil-pusher in some office. But he appears as urbane, charming and witty in real life as on screen.

There's also no doubt about his cosmopolitan European origins: while we speak, he serves demitasses of black coffee prepared in the fancy espresso maker that is as much part of his office — situated in the National Press Building overlooking the White House — as is the typewriter.

Things were not always like this. Joe Schlesinger, who came to Canada as an orphan after his parents perished in the Holocaust, has probably lived through as many stories as he has reported on.

Schlesinger was born in Vienna, but his parents were from Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, and he spent the first 11 years of his life there. "In the summer of 1939, a few months before the war, my parents sent me and my brother to England," he said. Upon his return in 1945, they and the rest of his family were gone, murdered by the Nazis.

Schlesinger was laid up in hospital for the next two years "with a bum hip — I now have an artificial hip-joint — and by the time I came out, the Communists had taken over."

As someone who had been in Britain and thus exposed to the West, "I was automatically suspect and couldn't get work. So I went to work for the Associated Press in Prague, as an interpreter, and became a rewrite man." When they started arresting AP staffers, in February 1950, he decided to get out — and made it on the third try. "It was only when I got to the other side, in Austria, that I saw I had gone right under a machine gun tower!"

There were further close calls in Austria. "I had to cross what was then the Russian zone, to get to Vienna," he explained. "I was on a bus stopped by Soviet soldiers, inspecting papers. I was in the back, next to the emergency door — not that it would have done me much good, anyhow!"

But he made it to Vienna, a DP. His brother had already been brought to Canada under a Jewish war orphan program, and Schlesinger joined him in Vancouver in June of 1950.

"I worked in construction jobs, as a seaman, a waiter. In 1951, I enrolled at UBC, majoring in economics. But somewhere along the line I wandered down into the student newspaper, and before I knew it I was editor-in-chief."

Schlesinger also started writing for the Vancouver Sun, and then got a job with the rival Province. He never bothered to graduate.

In 1958, he got married and headed East. After working on the Toronto Star for a while, he decided to see Europe again. "I had come from there, but it was a wartime Europe that I knew." After a year in London with UPI, he landed a job in Paris with the Herald Tribune. He got a divorce, remarried, had children, and in 1966 returned to Toronto.

After another stint with the Star, he went to the CBC as executive producer of The National in 1968.

"I decided I didn't like being a bureaucrat dealing with contracts and budgets, so I quit and was sent by CBC to Hong Kong as a Far East correspondent." He has had an action-packed career with the network ever since.

"I reported on the Indochina war, the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971, the ping-pong diplomacy that opened China to the west — it was a busy time!"

After being transferred to Paris in 1974, he followed the course of the Portuguese revolution, changes in post-Franco Spain, the Cyprus dispute. "I traveled with Nixon to Moscow, with Ford through Europe, with Carter to the Middle East.

"I covered Khomeini in Paris, and was in Teheran when he got back there. The middle classes welcomed him. 'You don't understand Islam, you don't understand the Persian soul,' they said to me. Maybe not, I answered, but I do know something about demagogues and tyrants. I've been around for a while. A few years later, these same people were

Joe Schlesinger

pleading, 'help me get a visa to Canada.'"

He has been posted in Washington since August 1979, but has managed to take "little side excursions" — he went to Afghanistan after the Soviet invasion, and has covered the wars in El Salvador and the Falklands. Indeed, as we spoke, Schlesinger was interrupted by a phone call informing him that his long-awaited visa to Vietnam had come through, and that he would again be in Indochina from mid-March to May.

"I really want to go back to Vietnam," he told me. "It's probably the last chance in my life I'll ever have. I'm getting a little old to do this roaming all the time, covering wars."

Schlesinger says he loves Washington: "For people in my profession, for lobbyists, politicians, and news junkies, this is one of the power centres of the world." While he sometimes feels overwhelmed by "must" stories — bilateral Canadian - American issues like tariffs, trade and defence, and domestic events such as the State of the Union address — he tries to do as many analyses and backgrounds as he can.

"I look for trends, things behind the headlines. For instance, how welfare programs are doing under the two cutback regimes in Canada and the U.S."

Like many Canadians, he is appalled by the lack of medicare and mass transit here. (He also worries about the proposed CBC cutbacks. "Injustices will be inevitable," he fears.)

Though it is America's closest neighbor and largest trading partner, Canada is not exactly a high-profile country here. Schlesinger feels this neglect may be a good sign. "In this country you've got to be either a big wheel or a squeaky wheel. Canada is lucky not to get that much attention — because the countries that do are places like the Cambodias and El Salvadors of this world. So I don't think you want to be on that list."

Though he has appeared on local Washington public affairs TV programs, he adds, modestly, that he too is just another foreign correspondent and is largely unknown locally.

Schlesinger's parents were Orthodox Jews, but in the German, not East European, tradition. "To us, everyone to the north and east were Litvaks," he said. So, while "I know Czech, French, German and English — and have an accent in all of them! — I wasn't exposed to Yiddish," he laughed.

The war cut him off from Judaism. He did not have a bar mitzvah, and was billeted with a non-Jewish family in Yorkshire. "So one day this rabbi comes along, from Leeds, and tells these people they should feed me kosher meals," said Schlesinger. "They looked at him like he had just come from the moon!"

Schlesinger admits "the last time I seriously went to a synagogue was Yom Kippur in 1945. When I first came to Vancouver, coming out of Europe, I found the preoccupations of Canadian Jews strange. They were still relating to the Europe of 1910, when they or their parents left czarist Russia."

While he says he feels culturally Jewish, his wife is a Methodist and his children will not carry on the faith.

Though he defines himself as a "Jewish dropout," Joe Schlesinger's is still a very Jewish tale. His vantage point as a cosmopolitan, worldly-wise intellectual has stood him in good stead as a journalist. In this respect he is part of a long Jewish tradition.

Director, assistant leave Leo Baeck Day School

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

We came, we saw, we built: that can best be described as the motto of Morris Sorin and Karen Halbfinger, outgoing director and assistant director at Leo Baeck Day School.

After helping build up the Reform Jewish day school for the past 11 years, the husband-wife team left Toronto this week for Phoenix where they will assume the same positions at the Valley Jewish Day School, a 9-year-old Conservative day school.

"We go where schools need developing and build them up," Sorin told The CJN. "We look for a challenge."

Sorin and Halbfinger arrived from Cleveland in 1974 where they worked at a community day school after Sorin was approached by a group of lay people from Toronto's Reform community about the need for a Reform day school here. Sorin said that Halbfinger, who was not his wife at the time, started out at Leo Baeck as a master teacher and eventually became assistant director.

"It was very a exciting and dynamic type of thing helping to build it up," Sorin said.

He added that he is pleased with the school's continued growth, stating that enrolment currently stands at 474 and projected enrolment for next year is 500.

"Leo Baeck has always been a dynamic school and we hope it remains so."

While no director has yet been named to replace Sorin, Karen Friedman has been appointed assistant director.

Israel hospital looking for nurses

TORONTO —

Qualified nurses in Canada and the United States are being sought for immediate employment by Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Israel, the Israel Aliyah Centre and Hadassah have announced.

The two organizations are working together now to fill an urgent need for registered and licenced practical nurses in all specialties, says Chaim Shine, director of the Israel Aliyah Centre.

"Nurses accepted by Hadassah will be housed in accommodations owned by the hospital and, if they lack sufficient knowledge of Hebrew, will receive training in the language before they begin their work," he said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity," Shine added, "for nurses, interested in Israel, to make a meaningful contribution to Israel as well as to their own lives."

Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital, located in Jerusalem, is an 800-bed teaching facility with 30 departments and units covering the spectrum of modern medical discipline. It remains the core of all health services in Israel.

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Succeeds Dr. Harvey Lithwick

Berger new president of Ottawa council

Gerald Berger

By
CYNTHIA ENGEL

OTTAWA —

As reported in the June 27 issue of The CJN, Gerald Berger was elected president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council for the 1985-87 term at the council's recent annual general meeting. He succeeds Dr. Harvey Lithwick.

As the 22nd president of the council, Berger becomes the sixth non-native born Ottawan to occupy the position. In that regard, he follows the late A. J. Freiman, Thomas Sachs, Mr. Justice Abraham Lieff, Hy Soloway, and the late Alex Betcherman. As well, he is the first serving public servant to serve as council president.

The son of the late Louis and Salome Berger of Toronto, Berger moved to Ottawa in 1961 immediately following his graduation from Columbia University as an MBA to join the department of trade and commerce. Prior to his appointment as federal coordinator, of the federal government's office for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, he held the position of assistant deputy minister of supply and services.

During the 24 years he has lived in Ottawa, Berger has maintained a high profile in community affairs, serving as honorary secretary, 2nd vice-president and 1st vice-president of the council. He was the first president of the Jewish Community Campus, 1975 chairman of the Public Service Division of United Jewish Appeal, and was a member of the board of the Agudath Israel Synagogue for two terms.

Berger is married to the former Ruth Cohen of Ottawa. They have two children, Michael, 16 and Lisa, 13.

7-month tour for 22 youths

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Goodbye Toronto, hello Nova Scotia, here we come Bolivia.

David Zemans left his hometown this week to join 21 other Canadians who will spend the next seven months trying to gain a better understanding of their own country, as well as life in Bolivia, as part of the 1985-86 Canada World Youth program.

Canada World Youth is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Canada International Development Agency which arranges youth exchanges between Canada and Third World countries. Now in its 14th year of operation, it has involved over 6,000 youths between the ages of 17 and 20 from Canada and 32 exchange countries.

David Zemans

will be matched with a Bolivian youth who will also live with him when he heads to Bolivia in October.

"He'll sort of be my Spanish dictionary," said Zemans, explaining that he will have to speak Spanish when he lives in Bolivia. "Learning Spanish has been my biggest obstacle."

In both the Atlantic province and the South American country, Zemans will be working on farms. He said he hopes to teach English or physical education in Bolivia.

Between working and learning about life in a Third World country, Zemans will be doing a few articles for The Canadian Jewish News about his experiences in Bolivia.

Upon returning to Toronto Jan. 20, Zemans will be meeting with his sponsors — the National Council of Jewish Women, Forest Hill Collegiate and Holy Blossom Brotherhood — to relate his experiences.

Applications for the CWY program are accepted during November, December and January. For further information call 922-0776.

"Very excited"

Zemans told The CJN prior to heading out to Nova Scotia, where he will spend the first 3½ months of his travels, that he was very excited and looking forward to the "whole experience." He said he hopes to gain an understanding of some of the problems the Third World faces while in Bolivia and to learn more about another part of Canada.

While living with a local family in a small Nova Scotia community, the 18-year-old Torontonian

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Gelber uses clout for projects

Arts world honors "Uncle" Arthur on birthday

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Over 200 of Canada's top artists and arts patrons turned out at a posh downtown dinner at the Sutton Place Hotel recently to help Arthur Gelber celebrate his 70th birthday.

"Uncle" Arthur, as he is widely called by friends, is arguably Canada's leading power broker in the arts. Over the past 35 years, Gelber has put his clout behind virtually every project of note involving the arts in Canada, including the establishment of the Ontario Arts Council and the Wintario 2-for-1 fund raising scheme, which funds arts troupes across Ontario.

Legend has it that it was Gelber who single-handedly pursuaded then Ontario Premier John Robarts to pass Bill 162 and thus establish the Ontario Arts Council in 1963.

Gelber has also been active in the Jewish community, having served with his late wife Esther on numerous projects for the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

He was also a founding member of the National Ballet of Canada (where he served as president) and has also chaired or served on the boards of the National Arts Council, the Shaw Festival, the National Ballet School, the Toronto International Festival, Toronto Arts Productions, Toronto Arts Foundation (now known as CentreStage), the Dominion Drama Festival, the Encyclopedia of Music in Canada and the National Theatre School, among many others.

In 1972, he devised a financial plan to save the ailing Saturday Night Magazine, which today is a healthy, award-winning publication.

Most recently, Gelber served as chairman of the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission and he headed the board committee of the Stratford Festival's Third Stage.

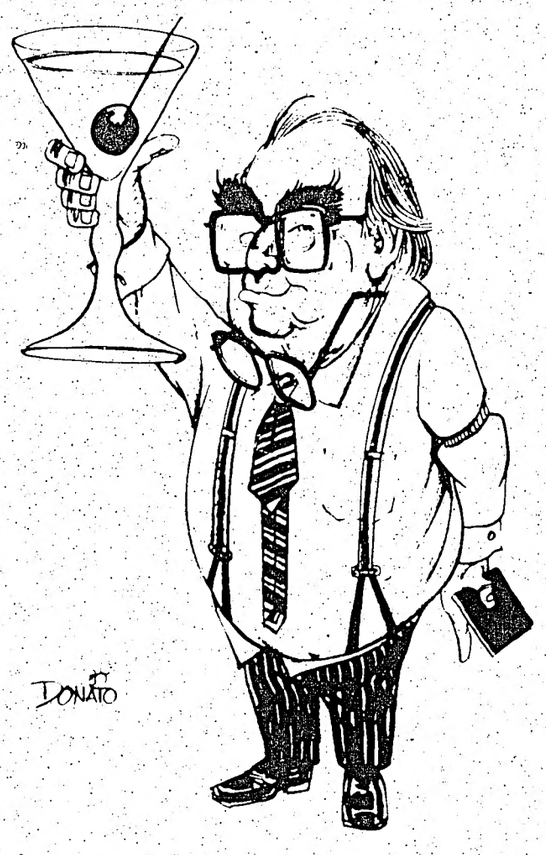
The who's who of Canada's arts scene attending the dinner included former Ontario Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Reuben Baetz; Walter Homburger, the Toronto Symphony's general manager; Betty Oliphant, founder of the National Ballet School of Canada; sculptor Sorel Etrog and Irene Turrin, director of cultural affairs for Metro Toronto.

Other movers and shakers included bankers, businessmen, arts journalists and professors.

After dinner speakers engaging in "gentle and whimsical observations" on Gelber's life were former Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon, former Governor-General Roland Michener and opera singer and former Canada Council chairman Maureen Forrester, who sang a tribute to Gelber to the tune of Cole Porter's You're the Top. Master of ceremonies was Donald MacSween of the National Arts Centre.

Wearing his trademark cords that tie the stems of his eyeglasses together, Gelber thanked the guests and expressed concern at what he termed is the increasing intervention of government in the arts.

He said government must continue to support and encourage the arts but must not administer funding itself. Rather, he said, government should leave the distribution of moneys to the current system of peer assessments and artists' juries.



Arthur Gelber, as seen by Toronto Sun cartoonist Andy Donato.

Better life for Canadians

Israel the place for retirees

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO—

Retirees who make aliya can live better on their fixed incomes in Israel than if they stay in Canada, a senior broadcaster with Israel Radio says.

Anita Avital, head of the English features department, addressed a joint meeting of Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI) and the North American Aliyah Movement (NAAM) recently.

She told the audience of about 150 in a broadly-based question and answer session that they could join their children in Israel and make a contribution to Israeli society.

A comfortable lifestyle would be possible for about 1,000 Canadian dollars per month plus the cost of accommodations, she said. "The people who are considering living in Israel do have a choice. It is a new beginning which gives a great deal of good life and satisfaction."

And Avital added that aliya is easier for retirees because they receive a steady income in dollars and Israel's cost of living is lower than Canada's.

Avital came for the meeting from her temporary assignment at the New York aliya office. Her professional responsibilities as a broadcaster include English broadcasts to North America as part of the transcription service. She is a weekly contributor to the Israel Magazine program heard in the U.S.

In 1983, Avital received the Gold Award of the International Radio Festival of New York for a documentary on the Holocaust. She has also received the Silver Cindy Award of the Information Film Producers of America.

PNAI was until recently known as APAI, the Association of Parents of American Israelis. The name was formally changed at the request of the Canadian branches during the national convention held at Grossingers last month.

That meeting also saw local member Charles King elected as one of five national vice presidents.

PNAI is an organization of parents whose children have made aliya. It acts as a non-political, religiously unaffiliated support group for both the parents and their children in Israel.

PNAI is now petitioning the Israeli government to repeal the 20% tax imposed on the cost of airline travel.

Eitz Chaim, Associated students take awards

TORONTO —

Dani Farkas and Miriam Berkovich of Eitz Chaim and Henry Segal of Associated Hebrew Schools achieved the three top scores in the Gauss Mathematics Contest held recently under auspices of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

More than 200 students in grades 7 and 8 from Associated, Bialik, Eitz Chaim and the United Synagogue Day School participated in the contest which was created by the University of Waterloo.

The other finalists were Ari Silverberg, Associated; Mark Garmaise, Jonathan Wasserman, Shelli Berman, Bialik; Boruch Weinberg, Eitz Chaim; and Alon Farkash, Aaron Lobel, Tanya Wyman, United Synagogue Day School.

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Social agency meets in Winnipeg

Society brings radical changes to the family

WINNIPEG —

The changes in the family unit and the legal aspects of marriage have had devastating effects on the social and personal wellbeing of parents and children, Betty Schwartz, a former director of the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg, told the recent 34th annual meeting of the Jewish Child and Family Service here.

Speaking on the topic Parents and Children — Traditional Needs in a Changing Society, Schwartz said the term family had undergone radical change in a relatively short period of time. She said the escalating rate of divorce each year accounts for "a lot of hurt human beings," and described the plight of many single parent households.

She said that even where households stay together in this age of the "designer generation," children grow up in an atmosphere of "relentless pressure to excel in school, sports, music, computers — all that parents now deem important."

Schwartz pointed out that people still continue to have the same basic needs for security, love, stability and relationships contained in the traditional family. When the family structure cannot fulfil these needs, substitutes are created, she said.

"As the population ages, as family breakdown increases and as society tries to deal with the myriad of resulting problems the role of Jewish Child and Family Service increases in importance."

Joel Dudeck, president of the board of the agency, presented a report highlighting the past year's accomplishments including the extensive renovations at the group homed facility newly named Chevrah; implementation of Info-Line, a new service for the elderly; and the "significant increase in services offered to our clients."

Barney Yellen, director of JC&FS emphasized the important role the agency has in providing social services. The agency was helping "people find solutions to social problems of every imaginable shape and form," he said.

Yellen said that in the past year the agency was able to respond to the social needs of over 100 more families than the previous year. Growth of client numbers, volunteer manpower and agency problems all reflected expansion in every area of the agency's work, he said.

Merrill Shwaid and Maurene Cohen (coordinators of volunteers services) reported that volunteer involvement in all aspects of the agency's work has increased by 50% since last year.

Volunteers who had given two years of continuous service were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation. Those honored were Elaine Berkowitz, Mark Berkowitz, Yody Freedman, Phil Lewis, Sheila Linder, Darlene Masse, Meyer Silver, Bella Garfinkle, Toby Koffman and Leona Lakser.

Seminary campaign

NEW YORK —

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the academic and spiritual centre of Conservative Judaism throughout the world, has initiated a campaign to raise $50 million by June, 1987, in honor of the seminary's centennial.

The seminary is planning a 2-year period of events commemorating its founding 100 years ago in 1896, including a Centennial Gala in June, 1986, scheduled for Lincoln Centre here.

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10th year for society

Rabbi sees vegetarianism as extension of kashruth

By ESTHER FISHER

TORONTO —

Vegetarianism is as old as the Garden of Eden, says Dr. Philip Martin, Toronto chiropractor, and the first president of the Canadian Jewish Vegetarian Society. And apart from health factors, there are ethical, religious and moral aspects of vegetarianism that he sees as particularly Jewish.

He cites the Holy Scriptures, which in Genesis tell us that when God created man, He gave us for food, "every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed."

And, Martin says, the prophet Isaiah looks forward to a time when "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . and the lion shall eat straw like the ox." Then, explains Martin, "slaughter will cease. Neither man nor animals will eat animal flesh."

Among the members of the Vegetarian Society, which belongs to the International Jewish Vegetarian Association, Martin delineates two main groups: vegetarians who abstain from eating meat, fish and fowl but who do consume dairy products and/or eggs; and those who eat no animal flesh, dairy products or eggs, and who do not use any animal products or byproducts such as leather or fur. Among these two groups, there are many sub-products.

The society, which has been in existence for about 10 years, holds meetings four to five times annually. Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, sees vegetarianism as a further extension of kashruth and of the self-discipline embodied in Judaism.

"Jewish tradition, though it never specifically forbids the eating of meat, is profoundly conscious of ethical commandments and imperatives," says Goldstein, who has been a vegeterian for about eight years and has given guest lectures at society meetings.

"It is not until the wicked generation of Noah that humans are permitted to eat animal flesh, and even then, the right to eat meat is highly tempered by restrictions," she adds. "The rabbis comment that humanity was given the right to eat meat not as a Divine gift, but as a begrudging concession to human weakness and our need for flesh."

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Books with vegetarian recipes include Jane Kinderlehrer's Cooking Kosher the Natural Way (Jonathan David Publishers, 1983); Jean Hewitt's The New York Times Natural Foods Cookbook (Avon, 1982), and Mollie Katzen's Moosewood Cookbook (Ten Speed Press, 1977).

For further information about the Canadian Jewish Vegetarian Society, call Donna Kaplan at 494-3087.

Here are some samples of vegetarian recipes — the soup is from Kinderlehrer's book; the curry from Katzen's:

SQUASH SOUP

1 large onion, sliced
3 tbsp. vegetable oil
4 cups washed and sliced butternut squash
6 cups water
1 tsp. sea salt (optional)
Chopped parsley for garnish

In a soup pot, saute the onion in the oil until transparent. Add the squash and cook for 5 minutes. Add the water and salt and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat immediately and simmer for 30 minutes. Puree the contents of the pot in a blender or food processor until creamy. Add chopped parsley as garnish.

Serves 8.

CAULIFLOWER CURRY

½ cup grated, unsweetened coconut
2 tbsp. toasted sesame seeds
2 tbsp. toasted cumin seeds
2 tbsp. white poppyseeds (optional)
½ tsp. ground cloves
2 cloves garlic
1½ tsp. grated ginger root
2 tbsp. shelled toasted peanuts
½ tsp. tumeric
¼ tsp. cayenne
1 tsp. salt
1½ cups chopped onion
1 medium cauliflower — in pieces
Juice of ½ lemon
2 to 3 tbsp. oil or butter for frying

Puree in blender first 10 ingredients (add enough water so blender can work) until reduced to a homogenous mixture. Fry the onions until translucent. Add cauliflower and mix. Add salt.

Add blended mixture; stirring every several minutes. Additional water might be necessary (or orange juice). Add lemon juice and cook a few minutes more. Adjust for salt.

Makes 4 to 6 servings. Serve with rice on the side.

Barbara Lampcov, volunteer coordinator, and Allen Katz, chairman of the volunteer committee, at the JCC's Volunteer Recognition evening.

JCC holds party to thank volunteers for their work

TORONTO —

Volunteers make the Jewish Community Centre run, and in gratitude for their dedicated service, the centre celebrated the 3rd annual Volunteer Recognition evening recently.

Monte Carlo was the theme of the festivities held at the outdoor pool of the Jewish Community Centre, Northern Branch and over 250 volunteers feasted on a barbecue and played games of chance including Jewish trivia.

At the end of the evening those who still had their funny money made bids for prizes in a fun auction.

Retiring president Martin Mendelow told the audience: "The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto is held up as a model volunteer structure not only across Canada, but throughout the United States as well."

Mendelow credited volunteer coordinator Barbara Lampcov with much of that success.

Valley Branch volunteer Jeff Perlmutar honored with a certificate of merit for his efforts, described the evening as a success: "I think everybody had a great time."

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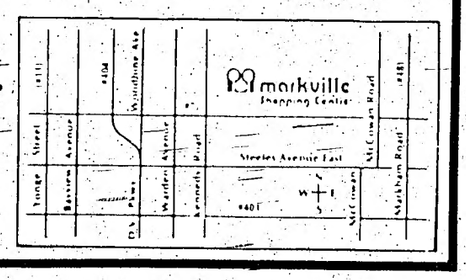

Special baby basket for the bonnie prince

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Carolyn Silverberg and Carole Grossman can proudly say that their baby baskets are fit for a prince — a real prince that is.

For the past five years the two young Jewish women have operated The Baby Basket Factory, preparing and sending out wicker baskets filled with items for the newborn across Canada, to Europe, the U.S. Germany and Britain.

Perhaps their best known British recipient was the new member of the Royal Family, Prince Harry.

Grossman says that after Prince Harry was born they submitted a proposal to the Ontario government to prepare a special gift for Britain's newest blueblood using items made by Ontario craftsmen.

"We weren't surprised (it was accepted)," says Grossman, wife of Conservative MPP Larry Grossman. "We knew we were the best.

"It was a big feather in our cap (to create it)," Grossman added.

Their "cap" originated in 1973 when Grossman filled a wicker basket with with gift items for Silverberg's newborn daughter Wendy.

"I thought it was fabulous," says Silverberg, who is married to Larry Silverberg, a dentist.

With an idea to run on, the entrepreneurs began to prepare wicker baskets for their friends on a part-time basis, all the while keeping their families' interests up front.

However once Grossman's three children Melissa, Jamie, and Robbie and Silverberg's two, Wendy and Sean, were all in school, the partners pooled their resources and The Baby Basket Factory was launched.

"We were both fairly creative and wicker baskets were just a new thing (in 1980)," says Grossman.

Starting in a Spadina Ave. factory, the business moved north of the city to Markham as it prospered. However this proved inconvenient as, the pair worked to manage a business and busy family lives and so, the business moved once again two years ago to Nortown Plaza at Bathurst and Eglinton.

(The business recently relocated in the plaza to accommodate its growth and has settled into a larger office painted in pink and blue — for baby girls and boys.)

"The business grew because of our strong commitment," says Silverberg.

As well as purchasing all the toys, clothing, candy, picture frames and other items that go into the gift baskets, Grossman and Silverberg prepare all the baskets personally — all of which keeps them extremely busy.

"It is a fun, happy business," the pair agreed.

Silverberg says they are always coming up with new gifts to include in the baskets. A popular item now, says Silverberg, is a jogging suit.

The gift baskets start at $25 which includes accessories and range upwards in price.

Silverberg says they do a lot of corporate work and can provide same day service if an order is received by noon.

With the continued growth of The Baby Basket Factory, the partners say there is room for expansion beyond their Toronto outlet. While nothing is finalized, Grossman says they have received calls from across Canada to franchise the business — a move she favors.

The Baby Basket Factory is located at 875 Eglinton Ave. W. and is open 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information call 789-2424 or 789-2575.

Carolyn Silverberg (left) and Carole Grossman, owners of The Baby Basket Factory, created this baby basket for Britain's Prince Harry.

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Special day reserved for groom

Bride isn't the only one over whom a fuss is made

By
EVELYN HOFFMAN
& MYRA FELDMAN

Special day for the groom.

Q. I am a happy bridegroom but I want to know why there is so much fuss made over the bride on the wedding day. What about the groom!

A. Although the bride is usually the centre of attention at the wedding itself, Judaism reserves a special day, a ritual, for the groom alone. This is the aufruf (calling up) when the groom is called to the reading of the Torah and recites the same blessings he first recited when he was bar-mitzvah. This practice is followed by Orthodox and Conservative Jews.

The aufruf may take place in the synagogue on a Monday, Thursday or Sabbath morning, when the Torah is read. The most common is on a Sabbath just preceding the wedding, and usually a kiddush or luncheon follows the services.

A very old Orthodox custom is still practiced. The women in the synagogue shower the groom with raisins, nuts and candies, undoubtedly as an omen of fertility.

This my dear groom is your day.

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Q. What is the purpose of a wedding rehearsal? Does everyone need it?

A. Wedding rehearsals serve a dual purpose. They not only help prepare the wedding party for the real event, but give the attendants a chance to get to know one another if they are meeting for the first time. An informal, even playful mood, usually pervades on the rehearsal evening and funny events often occur when there isn't an audience to worry about. This helps everyone relax for the wedding day.

The processional and recessional to and from the canopy can be practiced two or three times. Everyboby learns where they should stand during the ceremony and any questions they have can be answered.

A picture is worth a thousand words. At rehearsal time the principals can actually see how the ceremony will look on the wedding day. This is the time to make suggestions or changes.

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Q. We are having a bit of a problem because the bride and groom do not want their very young nieces and nephews to march. How young is too young?

A. May all your troubles continue to be little ones. Children under the age of 3 should not be expected to march alone. However, if they have an older sister or brother who is marching and can take direction, it is advisable they march together. Another alternative is having them walk with their parents.

Little ones are cute and add color to the ceremony but only when they are well behaved; not cranky or crying.

We suggest that very young ones only be included in the picture-taking segment of the wedding.

Include baby sitters in your planning. That way you and your guests can enjoy the simcha.

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Q. Isn't it true that the bride and her family are the ones who make the decisions for the wedding arrangements? My family and I feel that my future in-laws are calling the shots.

A. Wedding arrangements needs more open minds and fewer open mouths. Get together and decide what aspects of the wedding are most important to all of you, and then compromise on both sides.

Remember you are bringing two families together whose requirements and ideas can differ greatly.

Custom has always considered a wedding the province of the bride's parents, who are giving her away.

Today's etiquette, however, relaxes this rigid approach. We find more and more wedding plans are being shared equally, as is the financing of this big day.

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Editor's note: Evelyn Hoffman and Myra Feldman prepared this column especially for The Canadian Jewish News Just For You supplement.

They are experienced wedding consultants and coordinators who operate in partnership The Personal Wedding Touch, a personalized Toronto service which specializes in Jewish weddings.

Readers wishing to have questions answered are invited to write them care of The Canadian Jewish News, or call Evelyn at (416) 638-2803 or Myra at (416) 781-2526.

Corny invitations sent for the bar mitzvah party

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Invitations to a bar mitzvah party held recently at the Upper Canada College Boys' School were rather novel. They came with packages of popcorn.

Likewise apealing were the invitations for a company party incorporating a Gone With The Wind theme. They came addressed in individual calligraphy on parchment paper and bearing pretty Scarlett O'Hara ribbons.

The invitations were custom designed by 21-year-old Sharon Gold, whose 1-woman Party Print business invitations are very inviting indeed.

She creates them out of her home (at 661-8717), and the graphic arts graduate of George Brown College says that business is booming nicely.

The daughter of Manny Gold, a retired scrap metal dealer, and Nettie Gold, Sharon embarked on her new career last year with a capital of about $2,000, provided in part by her parents and partly from her earnings as a Photo King salesclerk.

Sharon Gold makes inviting invitations at Party Print.

She got the idea after attending a gfift show in the U.S., and was impressed by the vivid colors and individualized art work done for party invitations.

She charges $400 and up for 100 handcrafted invitations. This includes the multicolored, multi-layered invitations themselves, plus envelopes, replies and thank-you notes, and including drawings and stylized calligraphy, according to her clients' needs.

Her brother, Brian, was her first client. She designed 3-layered, handrawn invitations to his engagement party that incorporated a portrait of him and his fiancee, Sharon.

She has since done considerable work for a party planning company called Preppies. And she's prepared to design party favors, place cards, or whatever gimmicks a client requires.

What's the most popular party vogue today among the Jewish juvenile set?

"Sweet 16 parties," she says. "And they want the invitations to be personalized — like the things I do at Party Print."

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Workplace of master weaver magical setting for creativity

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Elaine Glassman is a master weaver. She is weaving a dream come true.

The talented and creative artist and weaver has set up her studio in a magical setting.

Hidden in the rolling hills of Uxbridge is Rosemary Lane, the name of the home of the Glassmans. It is a Quaker house, dating back to 1840, with a grand old barn. A high-ceilinged, old brick-floored studio is where Elaine Glassman has her four large looms.

A long winding driveway leads into Rosemary Lane, the only standing structure remaining from a community once called Randalville. Here, Elaine creates original designed religious weavings — tallitot, tefillen bags, Torah covers, and now the multi-talented weaver has designed a line of women's, natural-fibre clothing.

Recently the Glassmans opened their home to more than 200 women at a picnic in the country and an artisan show and sale in aid of Youth Aliyah, sponsored by the Noar Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO.

Elaine demonstrated her weaving. She says that the machinery and principals of weaving have changed very little over the centuries — the heddles still comes up and down and the only change is the reeds which are now made of metal, not string.

As the affable mother of four children, now in their 20s, shows you around her bright studio with its wood-burning stove, her excitement mounts as she describes the tallit she is weaving and the others lying randomly around her work area. Her love of design and texture is reflected in her enthusiasm.

Each of the more than 350 talitot that Elaine has woven, is custom-designed and her clients have a choice of colors.

For her clients, a bar mitzvah boy or a bride selecting a tallit for her fiance, Elaine invites them to visit her studio to watch the tallit being woven and to weave a stripe that is marked so they can recall their part of the creation.

"People love to add this stripe. It gives them an attachment to the tallit — a personal connection," says the weaver.

Elaine Glassman has woven many synagogue religious articles — two Torah covers for Beth Tikvah Synagogue and a painted chupah for the Beth Tzedec.

A custom-designed and woven set, including kipot, bag and a six by two foot tallit, is $375, and larger sizes are priced by the additional square foot.

Elaine says she wasn't always a rural person, although she loved natural surroundings. She was raised and educated in Toronto and studied art and education at the Ontario College of Art. She taught at public schools and at the Beth Tzedec Youth program.

And for 20 years, she has worked as an independent interior design consultant. Now she divides her time, three days as an interior designer (Statements Limited, 782-8400) and two as a weaver (640-5770).

Elaine explained that it was only two years ago, when her children were ready to leave home, that she considered selling her home and moving either to a downtown condo or to the country.

"When this property came up, and I saw the studio adjacent to the barn, Allan and I knew immediately that this was our place," says the cheerful weaver.

The Glassmans discovered that although they are 45 minutes from Bathurst and Eglinton, they would get to see their children even more.

"Often," she says, "the children come for the weekend. Shabbes, we always have 12 people or more for dinner and on Sunday, I prepare a cold buffet lunch and we have open-house for family and friends."

Elaine says that when your children are grown up, it is not difficult to live in the country. "I'm in on business several times a week and I keep a supply of kosher meat in case I have unexpected company.

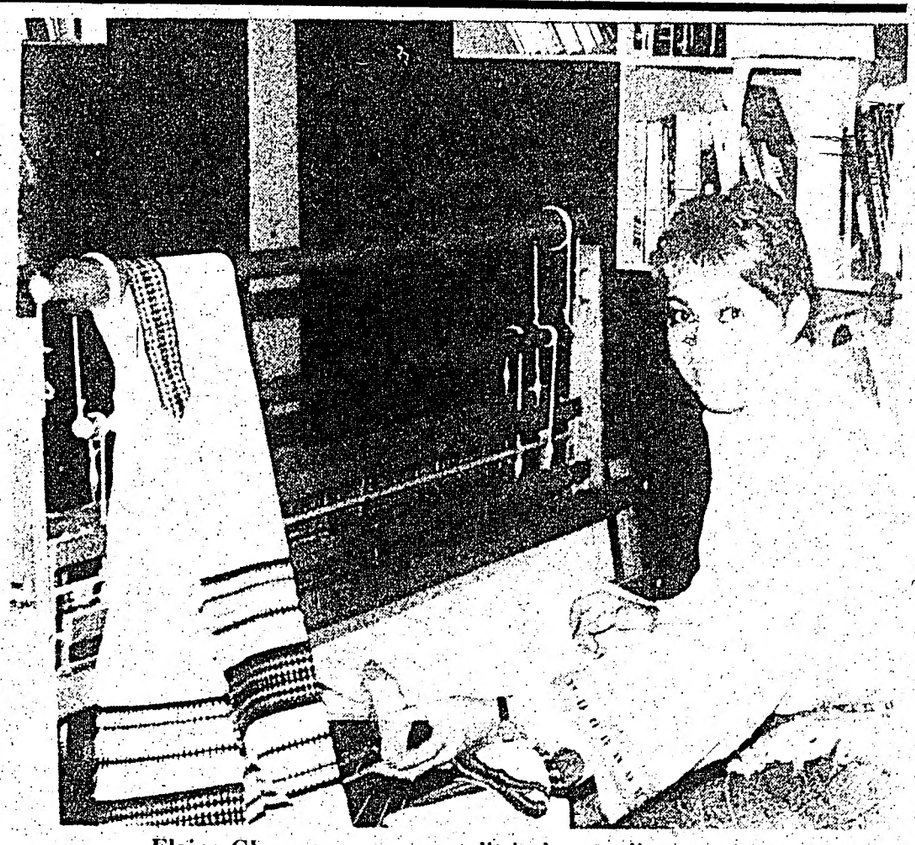
Elaine says that her parents, Litch and Fanny Shapiro, are frequent visitors, and her mother uses the studio for her stone sculptures.

Taking a tour of their house with Elaine and her husband, who is an importer with his office at home, it becomes very obvious why people enjoy dropping in — their warmth and hospitality and their unusual home.

It is an open-plan with original wide-planked pine floors, old barn beams, early Canadian furnishings mixed with contemporary lounge seating and an unusual contrasting Victorian dining room table and chairs and a large antique crystal fixture — all flooded with light from the large picture windows and sliding doors.

The Glassmans, members of Beth Torah Synagogue, travel frequently and Elaine searches out weavers and she brings back unusual yarns.

Elaine admits that weaving is a "total passion." This love of tactile materials, she says, has led to the creation of her custom-designed clothing, wall hangings and accessories.



Elaine Glassman weaves a talit in her studio.

Right choice can control amount of fat in your diet

WASHINGTON —

Fat can creep into the diet in the least expected places. But making some informed choices can mean a big difference.

For instance, switching from whole milk to skim milk saves about 8 grams (.28 ounce) of fat — 72 calories — for each 227 gram (18-oz.) glass of milk.

For people who drink three glasses of milk a day, that can mean a daily fat savings of 24 grams (.85 oz.), or 216 calories.

Other skim milk products, such as yogurt and cheese, provide similar fat savings.

Eating poultry without the skin also can cut the amount of fat. One hundred and thirteen grams (4 oz.) of roasted white chicken meat with the skin contains almost as much fat as flour-coated, home-made fried chicken.

But eat the roasted chicken without the skin, and fat calories drop to 19% or a mere 36 calories.

Other items for your fat hit list:

— Cheese. An average of 70% of calories come from fat.

Exceptions are processed, low-fat cheese substitutes. Even mozzarella made from part skim milk has 5 grams (.18 oz.) of fat.

— Meat. The leanest meats still get about one-third of their calories from fat.

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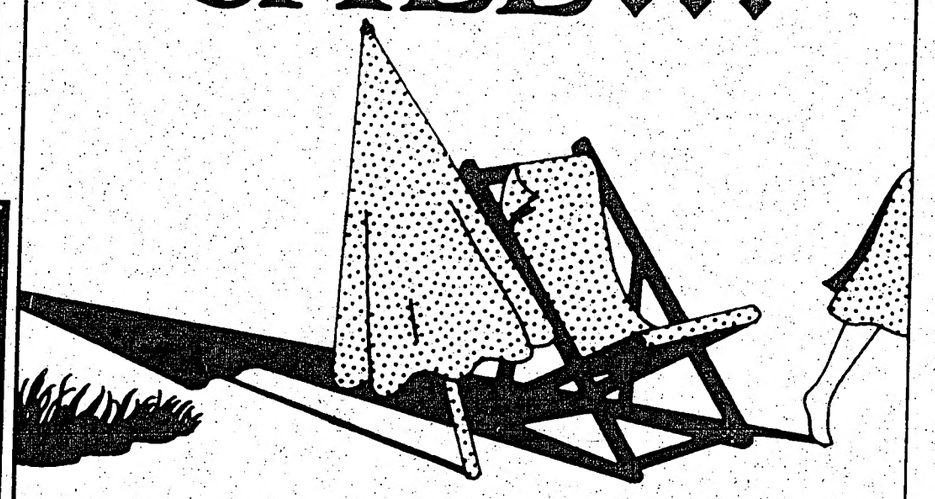

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Just For You

Bottles displayed as antiques

Effervescent Goldhars turn out old-fashioned seltzer

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The Goldhars all say "Surely you remember what *really* won Israel's 1948 War of Independence?"

To remind you, they urge you to catch on TV revivals of the old Hollywood movie starring Frank Sinatra called Cast A Giant Shadow.

Sinatra plays an American fighter pilot in the new State of Israel with no gun, bomb or ammunition to fight off the invading Arabs.

So what does he do? He frightens them off by dropping makeshift bombs. And they consist of — brace yourself for this — old fashioned water bottles!

The Goldhars then declare proudly they weren't just ordinary seltzer water bottles. They were the real thing — genuine, original, absolutely bonafide, guaranteed pure Nu-Jersey Creme seltzer siphon bottles!

Needless to say, that's the exact brand of seltzer that the effervescent clan of Goldhars — Sam, 62, and his sons, Bernie, 33, and Jack, 29 — are currently promoting around town via their Jersey Creme Beverage Distributing Co. Ltd.

It's located in a rickety, 2-storey, building at 299 Manning Ave. (368-9672), with vats of pure water and carbonated soda bubbling all over the place like The Sorcerer's Apprentice scene in Walt Disney's Fantasia.

It's the place where the Goldhars and their staff of six apprentice magicians import the old fashioned bottles from the British Siphon Co. of London, and bottle their fizzy potion.

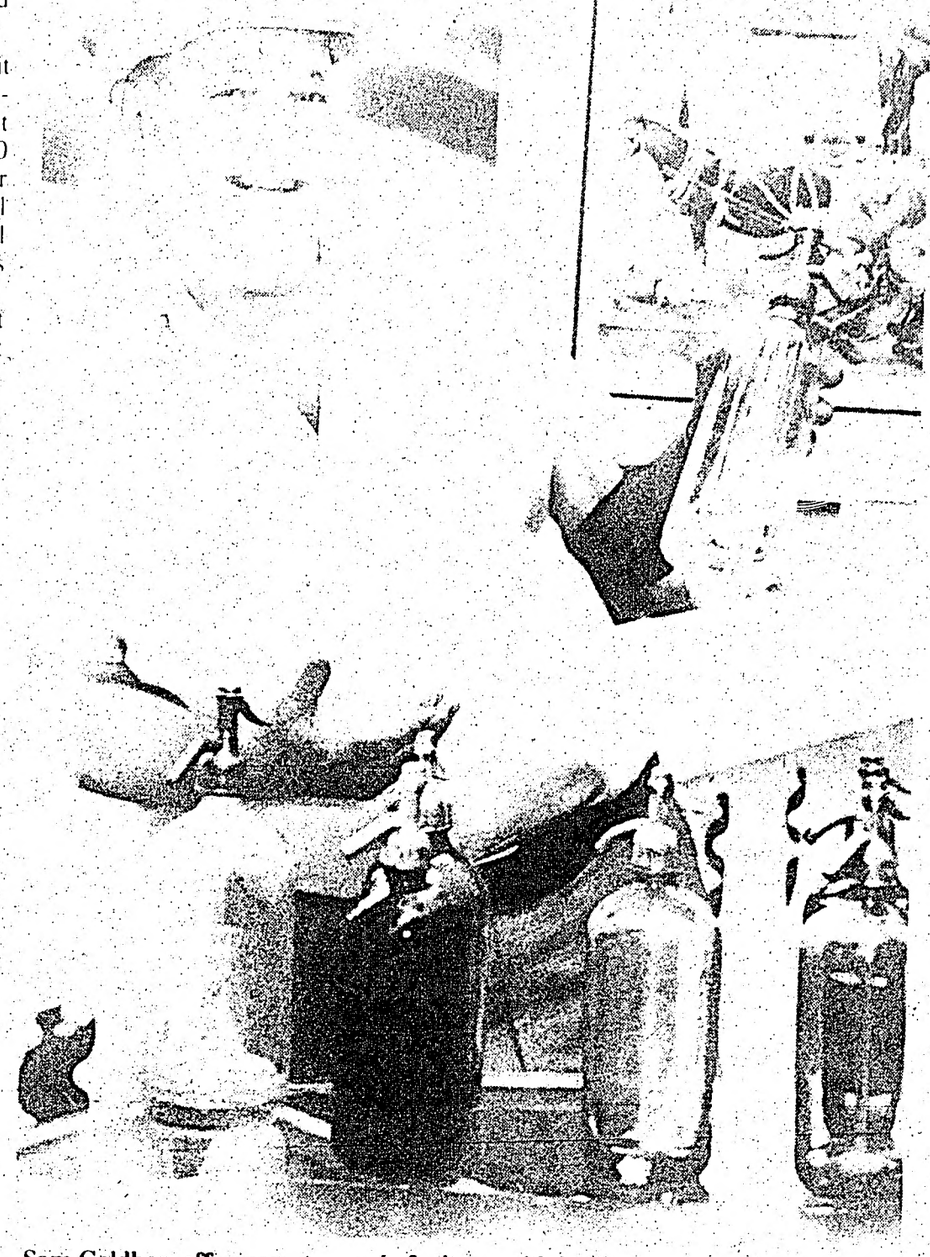
Then they either vend it to seltzer lovers in the bottling plant's store front (at $1.10 per bottle plus a $10 deposit for the siphon) or distribute the wonderful stuff to specialty retail outlets the likes of Stan's Appetizers at 3521 Bathurst St., Perfect Mix at 1103 A Yonge, Le Petit Provencal at 404 Summerhill, and Shopsy's Deli on Front St. at Yonge.

Bernie Goldhar, sales manager of the family firm, says that customers come from as far away as Ottawa and London, Ont., to buy the old fashioned elixir. "And the bottles are displayed as antiques," he says, "at the fanciest bars in town."

The current vogue for salt-free dietary drinks prompted the Goldhars to bottlke their Reinhart's line of cola, tonic water, and salt-free seltzer flavored with lemon, orange and lime — all sold in the conventional beverage bottle.

"But our true love has always been the pure seltzer water in a siphon that squirts," says Bernie. "And so we've decided to revive zayde's Jersey seltzer."

"Zayde," he says, "would be real proud."



Sam Goldhar, effervescent swami of seltzer, with background painting of a horse-and-wagon seltzer purveyor resembling his father, Jacob.

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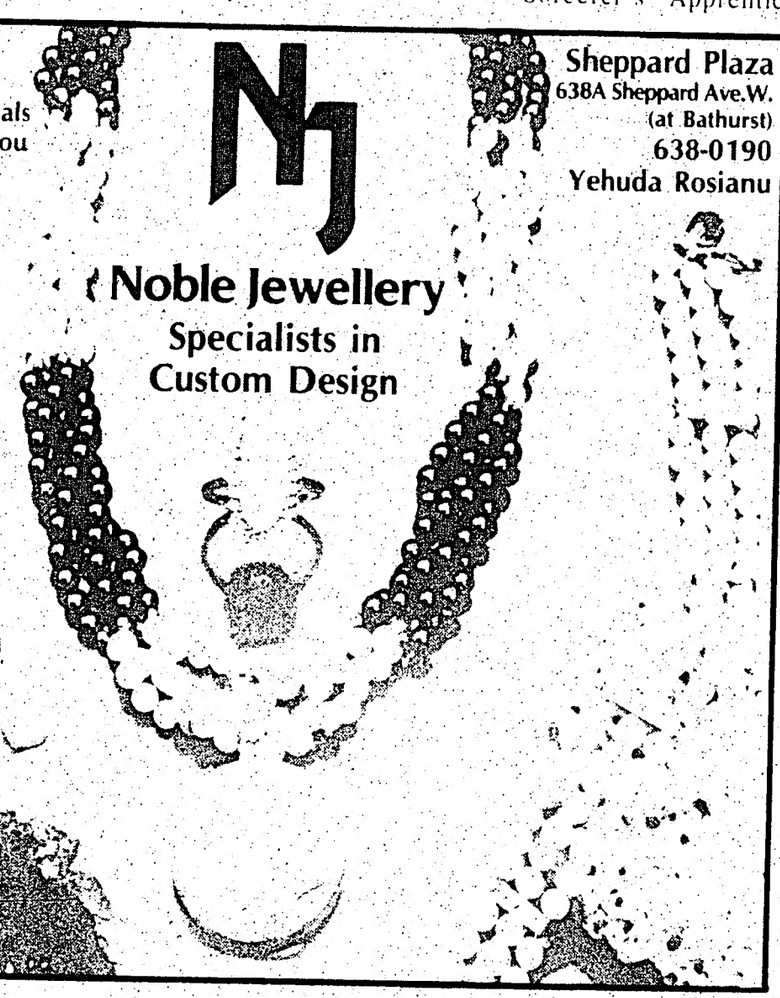

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TORONTO —

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Although new to Toronto, the fitness concept has already spread across the United States and Scandinavia. Equipment is being manufactured that is more compact, affordable and versatile, allowing people to get a complete workout at home, in 30 minutes or less.

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Just For You

Family tradition continues

Interest in antique jewelry leads to own business

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Almost 80 years have lapsed since Joseph Yolles launched an antique furniture shop on Yonge St. in 1906.

Today his 29-year-old granddaughter, Ellen Morris, has followed in Yolles's footsteps, but she has added a new dimension. She is a gemmologist with a special interest in antique jewelry.

The jewelry enthusiast established Ellen G. Morris Antique Jewelry at 1212 Yonge St. (925-5541) more than a year ago. It is located in Jack Morris Antiques, a business started by her mother and father, Estelle and Jack Morris, when the family business was sold in 1974.

The patriarch, Joseph Yolles, operated his Yonge St. antique shop with his son, Louis, and sons-in-law Jack Pape, Jack Morris and the late Fred Bochner.

Ellen Morris says that as a child, she inherited several pieces of jewelry, and from that time on, she has had an interest in antique jewelry.

"I tried working in retail areas for several years but things didn't come together for me until I got into buying and selling jewelry."

After working for Charlton's, a precious metals dealer, for two years, traveling across Canada as a jewelry buyer, the optimistic entrepreneur decided to make this her career.

"There are very few female gemmologists," she says, "and I knew that I would have to be very knowledgeable if I wanted to be accepted into this male-dominated profession."

Morris studied in California for a year and graduated. She attained a graduate degree fgrom the Canadian Jewelers Institute and recently acquired certification from the Canadian Professional Jewelry Appraisers.

In her shop, Morris buys and sells jewelry, repairs jewelry and she is a qualified appraiser. She writes for several publications and has become a jewelry consultant for movies and television.

She says that when a producer requires historical information and the jewelry for any period — Victorian, Georgian, art nouveau or art deco — they come to her for expertise.

"And now I'm studying ancient and medieval history and the jewelry of these periods," she adds. "More and more dealers in the trade come to me for appraisals."

She always has between 300 and 400 pieces of jewelry in stock.

Prices start at $25, with many under $100, and range up to an art deco platinum diamond and sapphire brooch with pearls, circa 1920, at $4,500.

Morris says she feels like the rookie on the block and adds, "So many good things are happening to me, I can't believe it's me. I've been listed in Who's Who of Canadian Women for two years and now I've been asked to sit on the board of the Better Business Bureau. It's all so exciting."

Gemmologist Ellen Morris of Ellen Morris Antique Jewelry and her father Jack Morris, of Jack Morris Antiques, have a laugh together. [Sheila Reisman photo]

Leave the worry to housesitters

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

If you've ever been lying on a beach 200 miles from home and suddenly begun worrying if the paper boy was still lobbing newspapers onto your front porch, perhaps you should have phoned The Housesitters.

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In my last article, I covered the first half of my recent Israeli tour. This current issue, I'll attempt to encompass the latter half — and add in a few fashion tips along the way.

My wife and I, as part of the Alpha Omega fraternity tour, left Tel Aviv and its environs only after several days of intensive sightseeing.

From there, we traveled north, along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, visiting Acre, the grottoes at Rosh Hanikra, and the horrifying Museum of the Holocaust at Kibbutz Lochamei Hagetoat.

When we crossed the Sea of Galilee, to take in Safed and made an overnight stay at Tiberius, we had been in Israel nearly a week.

Pulses beat a bit faster the following morning, as we realized that we were at last on our way to Jerusalem. Although the trip south through the Jordan Valley was awe-inspiring, most of us saved our real excitement for our first view of this world-famous city.

Late that afternoon, our group finally reached the outskirts of the capital. Full of emotion, we descended from the bus to partake of the traditional bread and wine by the side of the road before continuing, on foot, to the Western Wall.

It is impossible for me to describe my true feelings as I touched this, the holiest of all sites in Judaism.

Suffice it to say that I prayed for a time and then Myrna and I, as is the custom, placed our written wishes within a crack in the wall.

For a week afterward, we toured Jerusalem to our heart's content — making the rounds of the old Jewish Quarter, the Christian Quarter and the Via Dolorosa, David's Citadel, the Jaffa Gate, and other points of interest.

We had rightly anticipated the dress restrictions at the Al Aksa Mosque, and accordingly wore long pants and covered shoulders into this shrine of shrines (shoes, of course, were removed at the entrance), but we were unexpectedly caught off-guard while exploring in Meah Shearim.

The day was hot, and Myrna and I had opted for our breeziest outfits — walking shorts and tank tops.

But we hadn't gotten very far into the area when a man ran out of his store and forcibly brought to our attention the signs that everywhere requested visitors to respect their orthodox dress code.

So it was back to the Hilton Hotel for a change into the proper attire of pants and a sport shirt for me; shawled shoulders and a dress for my wife.

After that, there was no difficulty re-entering the confines, and we came away with several new purchases, including a Tallis for myself and some charming Kiddish cups for our home.

As far as Israel fashions are concerned, I had now had an opportunity to judge the styles of two cities' streets and their surrounding countryside.

For the most part, I found them a curious blend of Eastern and Western modes — caftans are often as common as sportswear, and yashmaks vie equally with dresses.

Although expensive, clothes imported from Italy are obviously popular and those unable to afford the best at least make do with reasonable facsimilies.

One Italian import Israelis can well do without is leather. I hadn't realized before that they're past masters of the art of leathercraft.

The goods we saw in the cities, particularly those from Beged-Or Leathers, would rival anything you'd find on the Via Veneto.

The city of Jerusalem itself, although a comparatively short distance (in Canadian terms) from Tel Aviv, turned out to be at least 20 F. cooler, both day and night.

A revision was therefore made necessary to my traveling wardrobe — sport coats and a windbreaker were unpacked, casual pants came out to replace shorts on intemperate days and for the evenings, my trusty blue blazer was pressed into service.

Set against white cotton ducks, an open-necked sport shirt and a pair of taupe dress shoes, it went a long way towards emphasizing my deepening tan.

Apart from a few religious articles, clothes were our only purchases in Israel. Myrna and I each bought some leather water sandals, which are indigenous to these rock-strewn shores, and a couple of Gottex bathing-suits for our first "float" on the Dead Sea.

As well, we obtained several sets of authentic Israeli Army fatigues in Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street, for our children back home.

It had been borne in on us that these outfits are highly prized by young North American tourists — I can only speculate that that's because they look so sexy on the Israeli soldiers, both male and female, that everywhere stand guard.

Israeli army fatigues in vogue.

Made pilgrimage to park

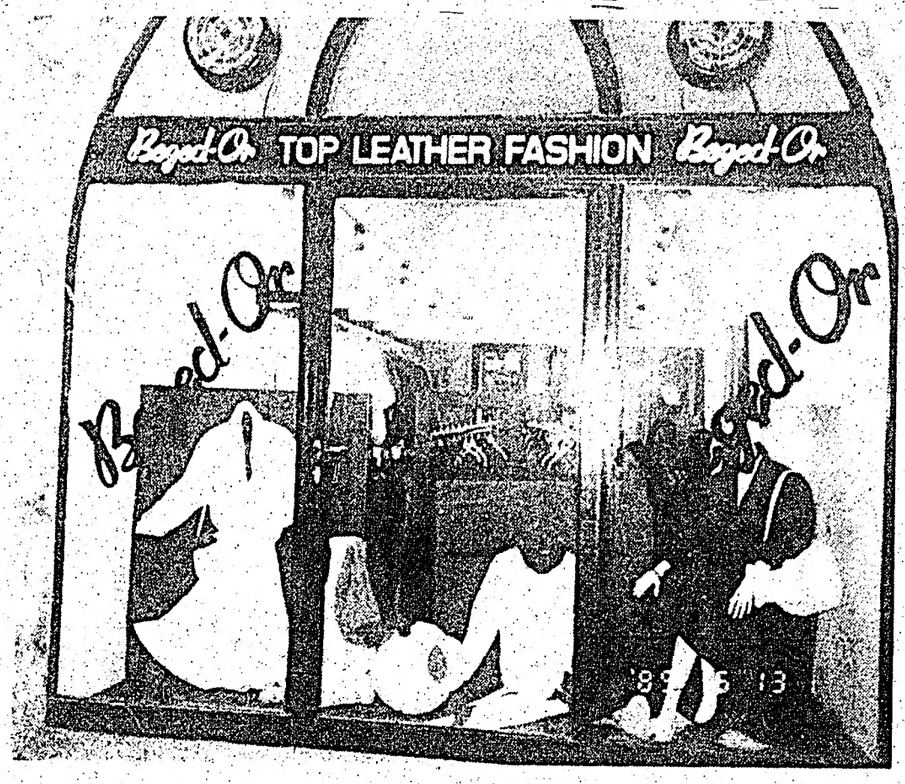
Before leaving Jerusalem, our entire group made a pilgrimage to the Alpha Omega Forest in the JNF Canada Park, to plant trees in the names of our loved ones.

This was performed with a plain ceremony that I found profoundly moving — it was as if I was planting a piece of myself forever in Israeli soil.

The final leg of our tour proved no less exciting than the first. Chief among our memories are the cable ride to the top of Massada, a visit to the ancient city of Haifa, Caesarea's reconstructed ruins — and an emotion-filled encounter with a group of Ethiopian pre-schoolers.

My experiences in Israel are the sort to never be forgotten. All over this beautiful country, we met members of every race and creed: some were tourists like ourselves; others native to the country.

But no matter where we went or whom we met, our greeting was always in the same language — a simple word — "Shalom" . . . Peace indeed to those wonderful people.



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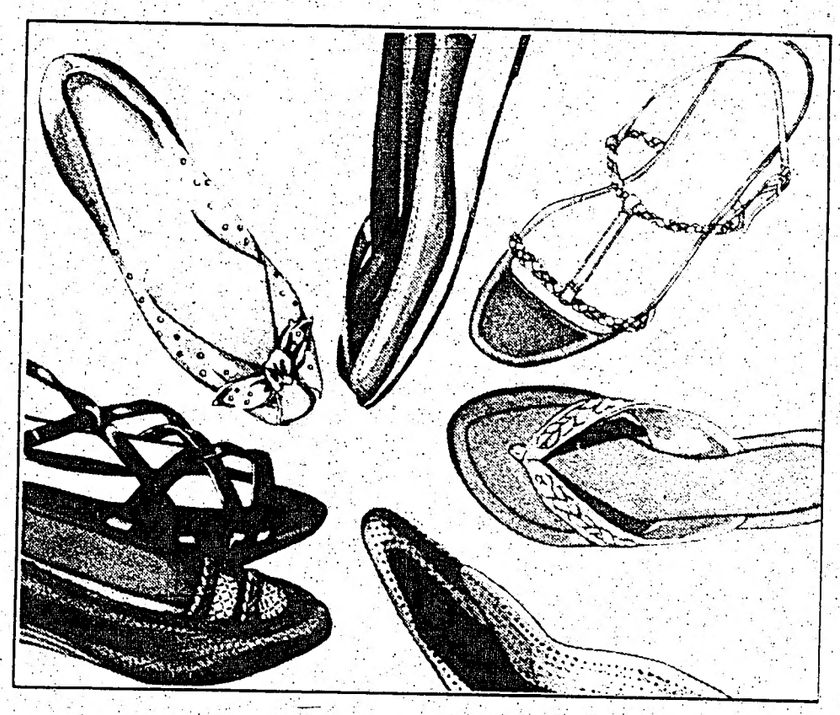

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Baltimore boasts much more than a busy seaport

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BALTIMORE —

You may not realize it when you first come here, but this city which began as a seaport for European merchandise in 1729, is the first place on this continent where umbrellas were manufactured. It is also where the United States National Anthem was written during the War of 1812, and for those who can remember the 1930s, this is where the Ouija Board was invented.

Baltimore is a modern city with much historical background and a revival of its waterfront area with numerous new buildings and a World Trade Centre with a 27th floor tourist observation level for a panoramic view of the city and the Inner Harbor.

If you come to Baltimore, you are but 40 miles (64 kilometres) from Washington. The two cities have a common airport. And they are also tied together historically.

When you tour Baltimore's harbor, you'll visit the sailing ship Constellation, the oldest ship afloat in the United States Navy and one of the first three frigates built in the U.S.

The Constellation was built in 1797, made of the finest Maryland oak. She served along the Atlantic coast, in the Mediterranean Sea against the Barbary pirates, against the British in the War of 1812, was the first U.S. ship in Chinese inland waters and served during the American Civil War of the 1860s. It even served during World War II.

A short distance from the Constellation is the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum with the Mount Clare Station where the railway began operations in 1830. The original tracks and wooden railway turntable are there. The railroad was built to compete with the Erie Canal system from Ohio to New York, which threatened Baltimore seaport trade.

Along the harbor is Fort McHenry, where British troops were repulsed in 1814. Much of the action of the battle during the night is recalled in the U.S. national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner.

Today the fort is a major tourist attraction, while nearby is the Star Spangled Banner Flag House. Here lived a widow, Mary Young Pickersgill. It was in 1814 that she was asked to make a huge 30 by 42 foot flag to fly over the fort. It was a 15-star and 15-stripe flag, with each star and stripe representing one of the then states of the United States. The house and memorabilia of the formation of the flag are open to the public.

There are numerous mansions and old homes throughout the old sections of Baltimore. Included is a tiny row house on Amity St. which was the home of 19th century novelist Edgar Allan Poe. Another author of the early years of this century, H. L. Mencken, also lived in a row house, which is now open to visitors.

A Baltimorean perhaps better known in the sporting world was George Herman (Babe) Ruth, baseball's Sultan of Swat who was born at 216 Emory St. in 1895. The family home has been restored with much original furniture and is now open to the public.

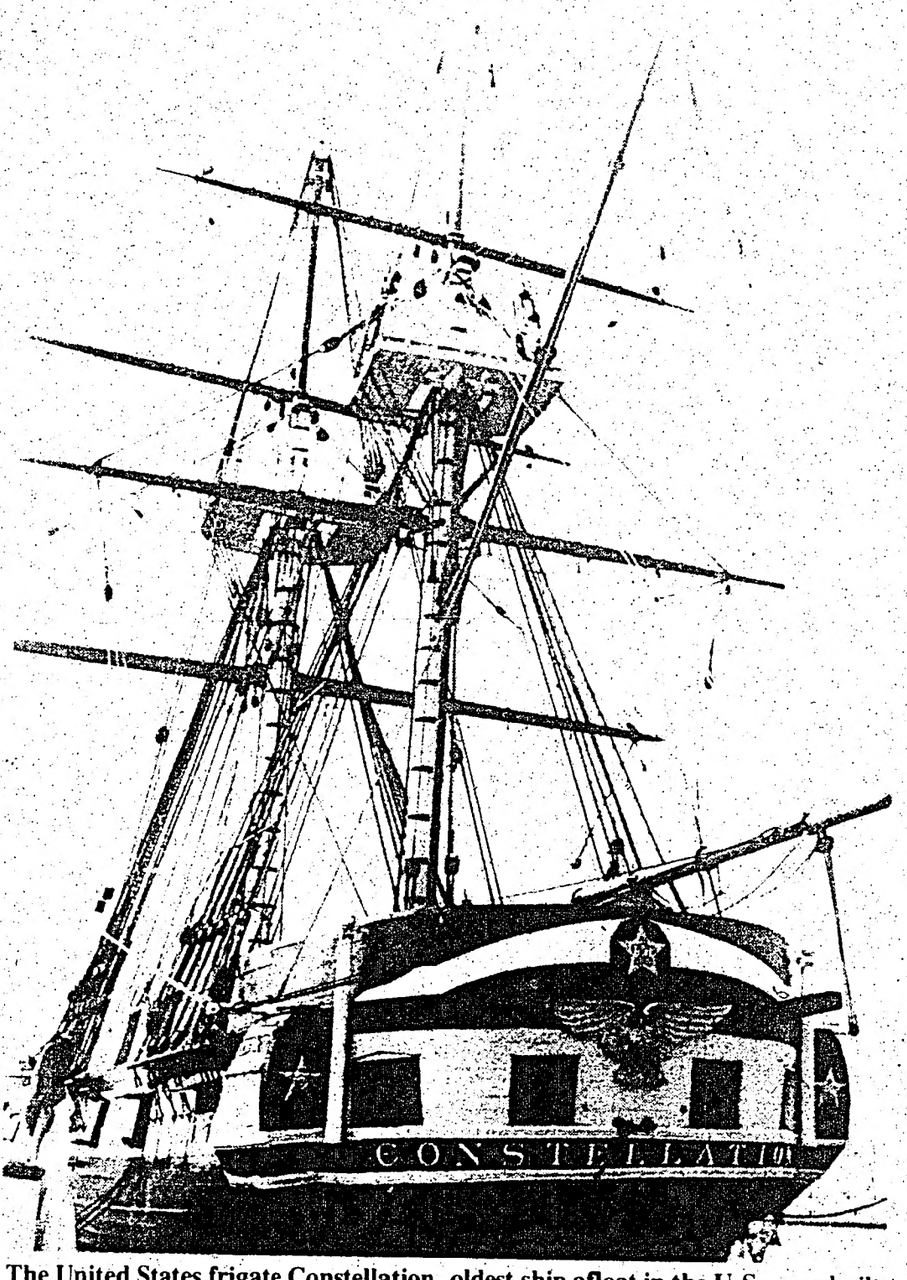
For museum buffs there is also a Baltimore Streetcar Museum, with actual streetcars used on the streets from 1859 to 1963. There are rides in the museum on some of the old streetcars. It is open to the public on Sundays, open to groups on weekdays.

In the Mount Vernon Place area is the famed Peabody Institute, believed the leading music school in the U.S. Nearby is the Walters Art Gallery, which for the past 75 years has housed the art collection of the Walters family, including much Egyptian, Near East, Renaissance Italian and modern impressionist paintings.

One of the newest attractions is the National Aquarium, located on Pier 3 in the historic harbor district. Its upfront fish tanks bring viewers almost too-close-for-comfort with sharks, sawfish and moray eels. There is a tropical rain forest in the aquarium, with lush green plant life, waterfalls and birds of paradise.

There are many synagogues in Baltimore where about 10% of the population is Jewish. The third oldest synagogue in the U.S. is at Lloyd and Watson, built in 1845, and has been restored by the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland. It has an original ritual mikveh in the basement.

There are also the Meyerhoff Library and the Ner Israel Rabbinical College with one of the largest yeshiva campus complexes in the U.S.



The United States frigate Constellation, oldest ship afloat in the U.S., was built in 1797, is now berthed in Baltimore and open to public visits.

Hospitality institute ready at George Brown

TORONTO —

August, 1987, will be the start of a new era for Canadians who like to eat.

That's when George Brown College's new world-class hospitality training institute will open its doors to students — and set a new culinary standard for Canada, says College president Doug Light.

A recent groundbreaking ceremony, attended by ministers of both federal and provincial cabinets, served as a symbolic start to the construction of the new addition to the college. Sod was turned with an oven paddle rather than a shovel.

Students — some of whom will be working chefs who want to learn new techniques — will have access to facilities and instructors as good as any in the world, Light says.

The 4-storey complex, which will be constructed on a college-owned parking area on Adelaide St. E. in downtown Toronto, will feature classrooms, cooking labs, and public restaurants where people can sample student fare.

Financing for the $11.5 million complex has been a miracle of cooperation, Light says.

Not only did both federal and provincial governments make substantial grants, but 75 firms in the hospitality industry donated about $1.5 million.

Industry fund raising for the complex was carried out by the Ontario Hostelry Institute, an advisory group headed by Toronto restaurateur John Arena.

The college's current offering of more than a dozen specialized culinary and hotel management programs will be supplemented by post-diploma programs for executive and head chefs, and the complex will be the location for many industry seminars.

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Arts

Heroic symbol in Israel

1-woman play portrays short life of Hannah Senesh

GERRY MORRIS, The CJN's critic of New York plays, reviews three of Broadway's current hits. Morris is a member of the Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

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HANNAH SENESH

There are several compelling reasons why you should see Hannah Senesh — a stirring and poignant 1-woman play with music that is now appearing off-Broadway at the Cherry Lane Theatre.

The chief reason is to bear witness to the brilliantly etched performance of Lois Wilner, who portrays the title role of a heroic Jewish Hungarian freedom fighter. Like Anne Frank, Hannah's brief life was reconstructed from diaries and poems that she began writing at age 13. Her story has inspired books and plays, and she has been aptly described as the "Joan of Arc of Israel."

An intelligent and idealistic daughter of one of Hungary's distinguished playwrights, Hannah displayed a refreshingly romantic spirit that was nourished by healthy fantasies expressed in her love of music and poetry. Like other normal young girls she was occupied with thoughts of her budding femininity and how attractive she was to boys.

Unfortunately, she had little time to dwell on the fragile innocence of her youth. Hungary had just legislated anti-semitic measures and she left her native land on the eve of World War II for Palestine, where she became a pioneer farm worker. When the Nazis invaded and occupied Hungary, she abandoned

Gerry Morris [Al Hirschfeld caricature]

the relative security of the kibbutz and volunteered with a crack 32-man commando unit, which was to parachute into Yugoslavia, to fight alongside anti-Nazi partisans and then cross over into Hungary to help rescue downed British fighters and assist fellow Jews to escape.

This was not to be her fate. She was captured at the Hungarian border and was executed by the Gestapo five months later at the age of 22. Despite terrible torture she had refused to betray others.

Her diary is her legacy and she has become a heroic symbol in Israel. She is buried in the National Military Cemetery situated on top of the highest of the Judean Hills overlooking Jerusalem. Her mother, one of the persons she wanted to rescue in Budapest, now resides in Jerusalem and her brother George lives near Haifa.

Reuben Dafne, a fellow-parachutist who survived the mission, said of Hannah: "She was different . . . a spiritual girl guided by mysticism. When she said goodbye she pressed a piece of paper in my hand saying If I don't return, give this to our people! It was the poem Blessed is the Match.

Wilner skilfully depicts the heroine's transformation from charming adolescent to passionate Zionist to dauntless freedom fighter, with unmatchable skill. Incredibly enough she also plays the mother.

The play was written and directed by David Shechter with a deep and devoted feeling for this noble but difficult project. The lighting designer, Vivian Leone, deserves praise for deftly creating the constantly changing colors and moods. Steven Lutvah has composed and arranged the incidental music with appropriate songs and lyrics by Elizabeth Swados and David Shechter.

Cherry Lane Theatre, 38 Commerce St. Call Chargit 212-944-9300.

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BILOXI BLUES

Neil Simon, Broadway's laureate of comedy, has scored the hat trick. Hallelujah! He did it before and he's done it again — three hit shows running simultaneously on the Great White Way — The Odd Couple (female version), Brighton Beach Memoirs, and his most recent presentation Biloxi Blues.

America's love affair with the quintessential New York playwright continues unabated. Biloxi Blues has just won four 1985 Tony awards including Best Play of the Year. It represents Simon's 21st Broadway vehicle. He made his theatrical debut in 1963 with Barefoot in the Park.

Biloxi Blues is a serio-comic play and represents the second instalment of Simon's autobiographical trilogy — the first being Brighton Beach Memoirs (my personal favourite).

Biloxi is a portrait of the author as a young man in the army. The year is 1943. Eugene Morris Jerome the "nebbish-hero," whom we first met as a Depression adolescent in Brighton Beach Memoirs, is six years older, and has now been drafted and shipped to Biloxi, Mississippi for basic training. The play chronicles the inter-action of six totally different GIs, new recruits thrown into the construction coexistence of barracks life.

Biloxi Blues is about many things, including the three wartime goals of Eugene Jerome: (1) to become a writer; (2) to stay alive; (3) to lose his virginity (all consummately accomplished). The principal ingredients also include the dark and more serious themes of anti-semitism, and the courage of a maturing playwright to recapture the past, and face and reassess his weaknesses. Not an easy task for a comedy dramatist who hides behind his 1-line jokes with incomparable aplomb.

Miller brilliant

The play's two best roles are portrayed in characterizations of the two Jewish recruits, Eugene Morris Jerome and Arnold Epstein. Bespectacled Epstein is a skinny, nervous and difficult New York intellectual. It is from Epstein that Eugene learns that you can't go through life "being neutral like Switzerland." Arnold accuses Jerome of being "a witness — devoid of passion and guts," as was shamefully demonstrated when Eugene failed to defend Epstein from an anti-semitic verbal assault administered by a hulking bigot.

Tony award winner, Barry Miller, plays Arnold Epstein brilliantly, and unquestionably steals the show.

A first-rate performance is also contributed by Matthew Broderick, who portrays Eugene, a would-be writer who has traumatic experiences trying to keep a secret journal on his bunkmates' private thoughts. He will of course, become a writer. He will grow up to be Neil Simon.

Gene Saks is one of the best comedy directors in the business and his flawlessly cast group of young actors offer the best ensemble acting of the year. David Mitchell's imaginative sets are just perfect. Simon, who used to write Sgt. Bilko routines for The Phil Silvers TV Show, is right at home with the spirited and bawdy humor of barracks life.

This will be a tough New York ticket for a long time to come — but try like hell — it's worth the effort and the price! ($37.50 for orchestra.) Neil Simon Theatre, 250 West 52nd St.; call TicketWorld (212) 888-9000.

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DOUBLES

This TV sit-com style of Broadway show is well peppered with funny 1-liners. The action takes place in the male locker room of The Norwalk Racquet Club in suburban Connecticut.

The intermittent mirth is served up by three Jewish menopausal men and one Gentile, who plays straight man to some street smart dialogue. They share lives that are in various states of psychological disarray.

The four court jesters relish that one evening a week at the club, where they hit a lot of tennis balls, and futz around, disgorging on the mid-life crises that surround their marital and extramarital lives.

Austin Pendleton, Ron Leibman, John Collum and Tony Roberts are perfect foils for each other. All four actors are expert farceurs, although Austin Pendleton is the most effective and strikes sparks as a haymishe Woody Allen type.

The director, Morton Da Costa, displays considerable expertise in pacing and inventive stage business.

The lack of real substance in David Wiltse's comedy brings to mind a sobering reflection accredited to the "unsobered" Tallulah Bankhead. She once said of a play in which she starred: "There is less to this than meets the ear."

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Handicapped artists

Stunning exhibit of art on display at Metro Library

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Two art displays of note are worth taking in this summer, both at the Metro Toronto Library, 789 Yonge St.

With the idea of allowing artists to paint, draw, sculpt and photograph what they feel instead of see, the library has invited 12 visually impaired and blind artists to express themselves in their chosen medium.

The result, as displayed in the library's main-floor gallery, is a stunning exhibit of art by people who can't see but who are obviously artists at heart.

Called Inner Visions, the show tells us something about art itself: that it may be a visual medium to the viewer but not necessarily to the creator.

All the artists have adapted in one way or another. Some have used magnifying glasses or monocles for the details in their work but generally, the art is spontaneous and unaffected.

Some, like sculptor Fred Bardgett, rely on their "visual memory." Bardgett lost his sight six years ago at age 75 and depends on his memories as an amateur ornithologist to sculpt and glaze his cermaic birds.

Others, like photographers Douglas Yip and Lorne Marin, manipulate their craft to recreate what they see. Yip tinkers with special effects, darkroom techniques and soft focus to make the camera "see" what he sees: blurry, out-of-focus images of women, but they are no less erotic. Photographer and filmmaker Marin presents his world in small Polaroids with human figures rushing through the frames.

The most striking art in the show is by Toronto painter and muralist Ron Satok. Satok runs the Satok School of the Arts for gifted and disabled children. He has several paintings in the show, all vibrant, colorful and full of life. One of them is entitled Somewhere Over the Rainbow: An Homage to Zoot Sims. It's a massive 12 foot by 6 foot oil on canvas, and appropriately jazzy enough to evoke the memories of the great tenor saxophonist.

Satok's participation in the show, he told The Canadian Jewish News, "is not to compete with sighted artists. The reason is for the blind or partly blind who want to express themselves, but not necessarily with words.

"I can't see anymore but that's the way I choose to express myself. My primary sensory mode is still visual."

Sculptors Toru Oman and Natasha Adamovich have presented brilliantly detailed work of human forms and busts that belie their handicaps.

The same is true of the intricate drawings and paintings of Valentin Ortigas.

The show's name is taken from the same Stevie Wonder song. In fact, the blind singer/songwriter has in his own private collection the work of one the show's participants, sculptor and ceramicist Cecil Walters.

The second display, on the library's 5th floor, is called Ezra Pound, 1885-1972, and is a tribute to Pound on the centenary of the modernist author's birth.

It includes several biographies, famous Pound cantos, corrections of drafts, anecdotes and photographs of the poet, author and, incidentally, noted anti-semite.

The display does mention, in passing, Pound's vicious anti-semitism and adoration of fascism. He published Money Pamphlets in the 30s, which spoke repeatedly of the "Jewish poison" and in 1939, he wrote an article for the Italian press called "The Jews, Disease Incarnate." Many of his poems were violently anti-Jewish.

Largely because of his scalding World War II radio addresses in support of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, Pound was indicted on treason charges, but was found insane and sent to an asylum in Washington, where he allegedly repudiated his hatred of Jews.

The exhibit also conveys Pound's father-like relationships with the Lost Generation of the 1920s in Paris: young and promising artists like Hemingway, James Joyce, T.S. Eliot, W.B. Yeats and F. Scott Fitzgerald all found support and friendship in Pound.

Both exhibits continue until July 22.

Artist Ted Spearin, one of 12 visually impaired artists participating in Inner Visions.

This slapstick comedy uproariously funny

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Noises Off, Michael Frayn's slapstick comedy playing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre until Aug. 3, is both silly and genuinely uproarious.

This play-within-a-play, which unfolds on three different levels, reeks of theatrical cliches. People rush in and out of doors, slamming them in their wake. Sexual double entendres abound. A woman prances around in an enticing black negligee, and men mount staircases with their underwear falling at their ankles.

It is all a bit silly, or at least it is in act 1. But Noises Off, which comes to us straight from Broadway, picks up a full head of steam in acts 2 and 3 and ultimately triumphs.

Noises Off, directed by Michael Blakemore, is basically about the theatre, and thespians will no doubt appreciate it for that alone.

Lloyd Dallas (Rex Robbins) is getting his troupers ready for a swing through the British provinces, and things are not going terribly well. Lines and cues are missed, and personalities clash.

Backbiting truly amazing

This is a company full of mutual personal animosities, jealousies and intrigues, and these qualities emerge in earnest in act 2 as we see the performance through the eyes of the actors on the back stage. In act 3, the stage is turned around and the circle is completed.

The backbiting is truly amazing, and really funny, if not all that realistic. The madcap humor which ensues is, for lack of a better phrase, pleasant nonsense.

Despite its flaws, Noises Off is blessed with a clever script which is byzantine at times. You can hardly believe your eyes at certain moments, but suspend disbelief and enjoy the zany proceedings.

The cast does not disappoint. Actors like Carole Shelley, Michael Connolly, Tim Allgood, Allan Murley and, of course, Robbins, are simply delightful.

Endowed with a deft light touch, they each can wring laughter from brooding granite mountains.

This is, for the most part, an enjoyable evening of fun, with the jokes sometimes moving fast and furiously.

You can forget its forays into foolishness and remember Noises Off long after the laughter has died away.

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Arts

Brecht play set in Nazi Germany

Actress to present TV adaptation of The Jewish Wife

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

As a child in Glace Bay, NS, Cayle Chernin used to recite a bedtime prayer that featured the ominous line: "Please, God, don't let it happen again."

The line referred to the persecution of the Jews in World War II, and the child grew up bedeviled by the demons of Hitler and Nazi Germany.

Now a 37-year-old actress, writer and video film producer in Toronto, Cayle Chernin will repeat the line in the introduction of her 30-minute, 1-woman show which she will present at 6.30 p.m. on July 5 on Rogers Cable 10 TV community channel.

It's her personalized adaptation of The Jewish Wife, Bertolt Brecht's 1-act play set in Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

She plays the pathetic role of Judith Keith, the Jewish wife of the non-Jewish chief surgeon in a clinic. She is packing her bags and rehearsing her farewell speech to her impassive husband.

In her monologue, she recalls how he had tried to calm her fears about Hitler's mounting campaign of anti-semitism. "This period of political excess will pass," he had dismissed the ghettoizing of the Jews. "They can't keep us intellectuals down."

But though she is a mere "bourgeoise housewife," she intuitively senses the forthcoming Holocaust. She feels she can no longer continue to jeopardize his medical career or risk her life, and so she is preparing to flee to safety in Amsterdam.

It ends poignantly with her enforced acceptance of his lie that his Jewish wife is simply going on a 2-week vacation.

Cayle Chernin, who is divorced from theatre director Eli Rill, is not a wife but very much aware of being Jewish, the raven-haired, multi-talented beauty with a dazzling smile was saying in an interview last week.

"If you're a Jewish girl growing up in the Maritimes you can't help being aware that you're different from others," she said.

Cayle Chernin

She was particularly aware of it during the six years of her childhood when her father, Dr. Saul Chernin, moved the family to Stephenville, the site of the U.S. Air Force base in Newfoundland. He was the only dentist in town and she attended a Roman Catholic school taught by nuns, which was the only school in town.

At 11, she remembers acting in her first play. "My grade 6 teacher, Sister Mary Patrick James, wrote her own version of Anne Of Green Gables to celebrate St. Patrick's Day," she says. "It was retitled My Eileen and I played the title role."

She recalls the dramatic highlight of the production was when Eileen moans, "I'm in the depths of despair and burdened richly with grief." Whereupon the entire casts serenades her by singing When Irish Eyes Are Smiling and Chernin responds by turning on her Jewish version of a very Irishy smile.

She says she has since been smiling — and improvising — through a very checkered theatrical career.

Among other things, she played the Newfy-type Toronto waitress, Salina, in Don Shebib's Canadian film classic, Goin' Down The Road.

It won her the cryptic review, "pretty Cayle Chernin adds to the scenery," and she says wryly, "I've yet to figure out whether that's a good or bad newspaper critic's notice."

A 4-year stint in Hollywood was notable for two things. She learned she could write as well as act when participating in the filming of Tracks, the feature movie starring Dennis Hopper and Dean Stockwell.

And it gave her the opportunity to meet Anais Nin when adapting that celebrated diarist's five novels into a screenplay.

"Anais was an elegant and delicate old lady then, slowly dying of cancer," she recalls. "But she had a youthful attitude and encouraged me to persist in my creative aspirations. She kept up a correspondence with me right up into her last days when she died at 72."

Since her return to Toronto in 1976, Chernin has been active as a drama teacher and videotape film producer at the downtown settlement St. Christopher House.

She is currently working on a 1-hour, multi-media traveling show titled The Right Of Return, which she hopes to take to Israel and Germany.

It explores the so-called Jewish paranoia about persecution.

Besides her videotape of The Jewish Wife, it will include slides from The Jewish Life Cycle exhibition recently presented at the Koffler Centre of the Arts; a collage of film footage depicting persecution of Jews through the ages; and a staged dramatization of a recent New York Times interview with Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas who threatened "to wipe Israel off the face of the earth."

"I want to make the point that we Jews are not paranoid about persecution," she says. "It's not a fantasy of imagined fear. It's a reality. To be Jewish means to always live on the edge, to be perpetually vigilant against possible attack. It's the cross we bear because we are different."

She thinks that point is hammered home subtly yet effectively in The Jewish Wife and the message clearly came through when she did a reading of it recently at a non-Jewish old folks home in Toronto.

"Why didn't the husband accompany his Jewish wife when she was escaping from Nazi Germany?" asked a member of the audience.

"Because he didn't have to," answered another elderly women. "Because he wasn't Jewish and had no understanding of the honest fear that gripped her."

Quartermaine's proves to be a tedious trifle

TORONTO —

The only reason for seeing Quartermaine's Terms, the Theatre Plus drama at the St. Lawrence Centre until July 13, is to witness impeccable acting.

Director Malcolm Black has assembled a superb cast of seven Canadian professionals and it's a pleasure to watch them in action.

Alas, though, it's a shame to see their talents wasted in this tedious trifle, billed as "an irreverent comedy," by British playwright Simon Gray.

It's set in the staff room of a seedy college in Cambridge, England, during the 1960s and we are supposed to involve ourselves in the private lives of the seven staff members hired to teach English to foreigners.

With the exception of St. John Quartermaine, a shy and lonely sad sack of a bachelor, who captures our sympathy despite his absurd exclamation of "Smashing!", "Ripping!" and "Old cheese!," the other teachers are superficial snobs and hypocrites.

Altogether, they're a pack of bores, as dull as academics can get, and it's impossible to relate to their shallow vanities and petty intrigues.

The buffoonish Quartermaine (portrayed with exquisite precision by Michael Fletcher) vainly tries to get his colleagues during the play to accompany him to a performance of Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard.

Regrettably, Chekhov this ain't, and one wishes it were to serve as a vehicle for the technical skills of this fine cast. F.R.

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Subject of widespread interest

Authors look at differing attitudes toward confession

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Bless Me Father, For I Have Sinned, by Quentin Donoghue and Linda Shapiro. McLelland and Stewart, $23.95.

The confessional booth used in the Catholic Sacrament of Penance was devised by an Italian archbishop in the mid-16th century in order to separate the priest from female penitents. He was concerned with the possibility of indecorous or unseemly behavior. Undoubtedly, the booth also provided the necessary anonymity for frank and unrestrained confession of wrongdoing.

In biblical days the High Priest acted as the intermediary between God and the children of Israel. On Yom Kippur he sought forgiveness for the sins they had committed during the year. There is a tradition that teaches that Yom Kippur 1311 BCE was the day that God gave Moses the second set of tablets containing the Ten Commandments. On this day God showed forgiveness and gave his people a second chance.

Patterned to some degree after Yom Kippur, confession in the early church was allowed only once in a lifetime. Some sins such as murder, fornication or apostasy were not deemed forgivable by some theologians. The tradition of private and frequent confession was an Irish innovation that started in monasteries during the Dark Ages.

The Second Vatican Council broadened the ritual of confession to include new forms such as Community Celebration and face-to-face confrontation by the priest and penitent in a Reconciliation Room. Some parishes even permitted nuns to hear confession.

It is true to say that the ancient rite has changed more in the last generation than in a millenium. And, as with all religious change, the reactions from the faithful have ranged from joy and acceptance to protest and rage.

The authors of this popularly written study (one of them fascinated with the subject) interviewed 281 Catholics of all ages and from all walks of life about their experiences and attitudes toward confession. For some, the experience was cathartic and beneficial: "A way to start again." For others, it meant hanging on to guilt and perpetuating neurotic patterns of behavior.

One young woman asked, "how can three minutes in a box talking to a priest who doesn't know who I am do me any good?" A college professor states: "I remember going to a priest in my early 20s when I wanted to commit suicide. He just wasn't equipped to deal with deeper philosophical and psychological problems. He was equipped only to give axioms and penance."

Another person said: "Confession is quite moving, earth-shattering when you really understand what is going on. The more seriously you take it the more joyous the experience."

An enlightening chapter highlights the views of the priests who must hear the confessions. One of them indicated that he must show no distaste if he disapproves of homosexuality or other sexual acts. If he does, he may be taking away the penitent's last chance.

Another stated that he is often shocked or frightened in the confessional. "Sometimes a penitent will come in in a rage, threatening terrible revenge, even murder. I'm terrified — most confessors are panicking and not handling the situation properly."

This is an absorbing and often remarkable oral history on a subject of widespread interest and concern.

Cherney again festival director

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Lawrence Cherney, who together with Harry Sargous ranks as Canada's top oboist, will again he artistic director of the Sharon Music Festival, in Sharon, Ont.

A member of the Royal Conservatory faculty, Cherney left the National Arts Centre Orchestra in 1972 to found the York Winds, one of Canada's leading chamber ensembles. A member of that ensemble until 1982, Cherney has toured and recorded extensively throughout North America, Israel and Europe.

He has performed extensively with New Music Concerts since 1975, and toured Europe with that group in 1976. He has recorded for most major labels and all of Europe's major radio networks.

Cherney has been a sought-after guest artist with such diverse groups as the CBC Vancouver Orchestra, the Elmer Iseler Singers, the Orford String Quartet and the National Arts Centre Orchestra. In addition, he has commissioned and premiered numerous new works for his instrument.

The 1984-85 season includes a tour of Belgium and the Netherlands as soloist with the Elmer Iseler Singers; and recitals in Scandinavia. He also toured Western Canada with the Purcell Quartet and pianist Robert Silverman. In 1985-86, Cherney will perform in England and France as well as returning to Scandinavia.

The Sharon Festival, located in a striking wooden temple founded in 1812 by a breakaway Quaker sect on Leslie St. north of Route 9 in East Gwillimbury, is now in its fifth year.

Cherney has assembled many of Canada's most renowned classical musicians who will perform several concerts in this acoustically perfect setting for four consecutive Saturdays beginning July 6.

They include pianist Robert Silverman, violinist and Amadeus Ensemble founder Moshe Hammer, flautist Suzanne Shulman, the Elmer Iseler Singers, Nexus and poet Earle Birney. For further information call 478-2431.

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Theodore Bikel was recently in Toronto, giving a recital to the 21st World Congress of the International Theatre Institute which convened in Montreal and Toronto in early June.

Organized by the Canadian chapters of the International Theatre Institute, this convention included producers, directors and managers from around the world. Israel was represented by Bat-Dor Dance Company general manager Barry Swersky, Habimah general manager Shmuel Omer and independent producer and radio commentator Yaacov Agmon (husband of actress Glia Almagor). The American contingent included Robert Joffrey of the Joffrey Dance Company.

Lawrence Cherney

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A musical comedy retrospective of Jewish Broadway during its golden years in the first half of this century is currently playing at New York's 92nd Street Y. Thematically, it sounds very much like Nathan Garnick's retrospective Our Stars On Broadway, which is currently revived here in Toronto after a successful run at the Wagman Centre.

One hopes that the next step will be the creation of original Jewish-content stage musicals, both here and in the U.S. in view of the general consensus that the 1984-85 Broadway season was bleak in terms of new product.

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David Edge

Edge calls mini-marathon toughest event

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —
If there's a tougher event than the mini-marathon run at this year's Maccabiah Games, David Edge, Canada's marathon runner would like to know about it.

Edge, who ran the mini-marathon at the 81 Maccabiah and the marathon at the 84 Olympics in Los Angeles, says there's nothing more grueling than completing the last two miles in the burning desert heat of Israel in July.

Edge finished 3rd at the 81 Maccabiah, winning a bronze medal and leaving him itching for a gold this time around.

"I didn't enjoy getting beaten last time. Three of us were neck and neck going into the last mile and you're just praying for the finish line to show up and be in front when it does.

"You wouldn't believe the pushing and shoving that went into that stretch with everyone just going all out."

If anyone has visions of the runners competing in the blinding noon day sun, forget it. There's not a runner in the world who could do 13 miles in that heat.

Edge says the run starts in the late afternoon, as soon as the sun goes down and the humidity goes up.

"It was about 85° degrees the last time I ran there. They've got showers that you can run through and lots of water and juice along the route, but still you lose a lot of body fluids along the way."

He says there is nothing better than a few cold Israeli beers after the race.

"The beer over there is just excellent and really helps get the fluids back into your body that you lost."

He at 30 sees this as probably his last hurrah and his last chance at a gold medal.

When he competed in Los Angeles he made it as far as the 20-mile mark before pulling out of the race which was a frustrating experience for the long distance runner.

"It just wasn't there that day and I don't know why. That's why I really want to do well this time in Israel as it could be my last Maccabiah."

Edge says that the Maccabiah marathon has to be a 13-mile mini because it would be very doubtful if anybody could run a full 26-mile marathon in the heat of Israel and it would drastically reduce the amount of participants since there are not that many worldwide Jewish marathoners.

Edge describes the opening ceremonies as a "goose bump emotional experience" and says a lot of pride in your heritage enters into the competition.

He says Canada's main competition in the marathon will be from the U.S. and England, which was also the main competition when it came to chasing Israeli girls last time.

"We intermingled some the last time, but mostly we kept on our own. I found the Games don't have as much tension as some other competitions but the intensity and pride you have is threefold."

With such intensity Edge hopes to have the pack chasing him when he runs that last desert mile at Maccabiah 85.

Here are the the B'nai B'rith baseball Slo Pitch standings for week 5.

SLOW PITCH BASEBALL STANDINGS

DIVISION 1	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT	DF
Maccabiah Diplomats	7	7	0	0	14	1	0
Toronto Freedom Bears	7	5	2	0	10	.714	0
Toronto Freedom Whalers	7	5	2	0	10	.714	0
T. Freedom Cheap Thrills	6	4	2	0	8	.667	
Toronto Freedom Gamecocks	6	3	3	0	6	.5	0
Wilson Heights Willies	6	3	3	0	6	.5	0
Maven Rowdies	7	3	4	0	6	.428	0
Toronto Freedom Brides	6	2	4	0	4	.333	0
Canyon Giants	7	1	6	0	2	.143	0
Circle Rounders	7	0	7	0	-1	.072	*1

DIVISION 2	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT	DF
Maccabiah Malpractice Molars	6	5	1	0	10	.833	0
Maccabiah Mud Hens	7	5	2	0	10	.714	0
Canyon Pirates	6	4	2	0	8	.667	0
Maven Sooners	6	4	2	0	8	.667	0
Forestdale A's	6	4	2	0	8	.667	0
Toronto Freedom Les Balls	7	3	4	0	6	.428	0
Maven Follies	6	3	3	0	5	.417	1
Maccabiah Newcomers	7	3	4	0	5	.357	*1
T. Freedom Chocolate Chips	6	1	5	0	1	.083	*1
Maccabiah Toe Biz	7	0	7	0	-2	-.143	*2

DIVISION 3	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT	DF
Forestdale Fantastics	5	5	0	0	10	1	0
Canyon Cardinals	4	3	1	0	6	.75	0
Toronto Freedom Geriatrics	3	2	1	0	4	.667	0
Maccabiah Lions	5	3	2	0	6	.6	0
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Marston gets Penguin nod in NHL draft

MONTREAL —
Jewish hockey player Stuart Marston of Montreal was drafted recently by the Pittsburgh Penguins into the National Hockey League.

Marston, who plays defence was selected during the 6th round (114th pick overall) of the NHL's amateur entry draft last month in Toronto.

He became the first Jewish native of Montreal to make the NHL grade since the Los Angeles Kings drafted goaltender Bernie Wolfe in 1973.

The 18-year-old Marston, 6 ft. 4 and 185 pounds, is a lifelong resident of the suburb of Cote St. Luc. He recently completed the first year of a 3-year contract with the Longueuil Chevaliers in the Quebec Major Junior League, where he scored five goals and 15 assists in 64 games.

Marston's selection guarantees him a contract, but nothing else, with the Penguins. Because of his youth and relative inexperience, Marston will almost certainly play one more season in the minors before earning the right to go to Pittsburgh.

"I'm not going to get a swollen head over this," Marston told a local publication. "All that has happened by being drafted is a door has been opened for me. It could be closed on me just as easily."

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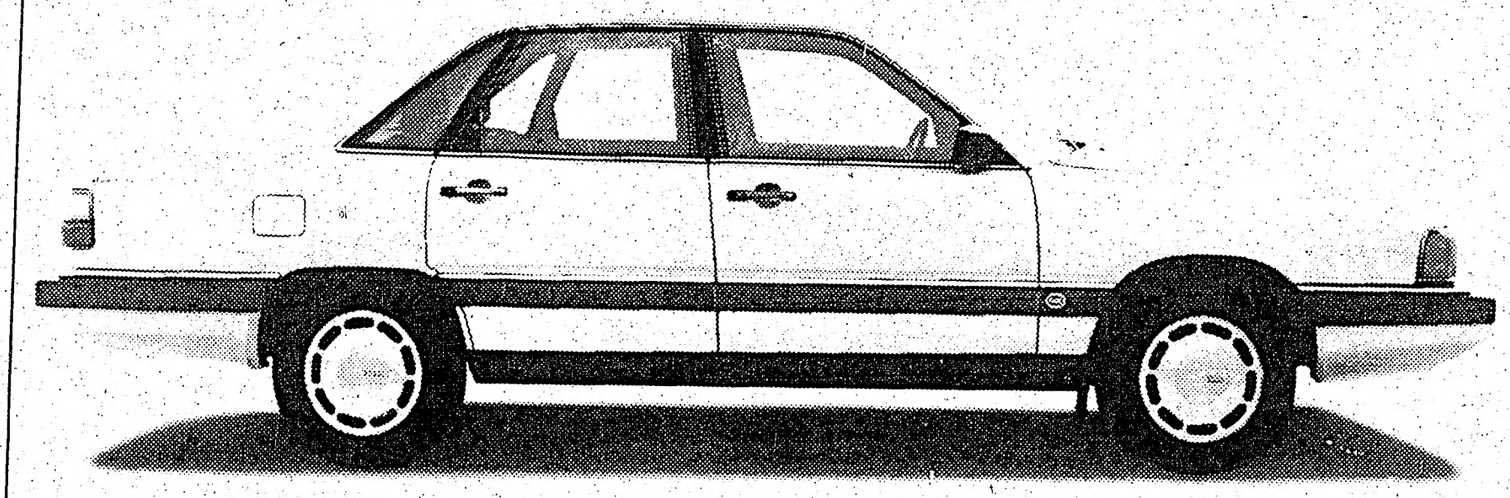

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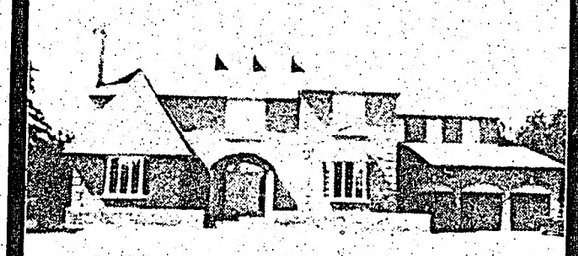

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Exquisite 2 bdrm. condo plus large family rm., 6 appls., thousands of $$$'s in upgrading, panoramic view, one of a kind! Fritz Reingold **636-2200.**

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BAYVIEW-WILLOWBROOK — $199,900
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BATHURST VILLAGE — $179,900
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BATHURST MANOR — RAVINE LOT
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4 bdrm. 2 storey, good size living & dining, lge. modern kit., w/o, fin. bsmt., garage, extras.

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GODDARD-OVERBROOK
Lge. split level, huge living & dining rm., mod. kit., den, f.p., fin. lower level, 2 car gar., A1 buy! Don't miss!

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BATHURST-SHEPPARD
Estate sale, 6 rm. bung., 3 bdrms., 3 baths, lge. kit., appls., prof. fin. bsmt., lge. lot, gar. Steps to everything.

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FINCH-WILMINGTON
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BATHURST-PATRICIA
3 bdrms., 2 baths, good size living & dining, Hollywood kit., fin. bsmt., 2 car gar.

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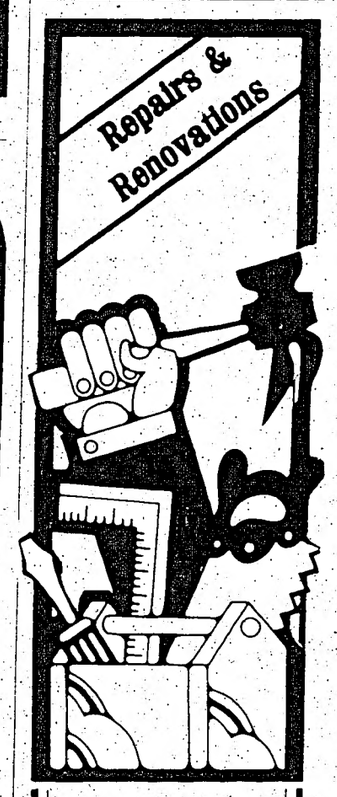

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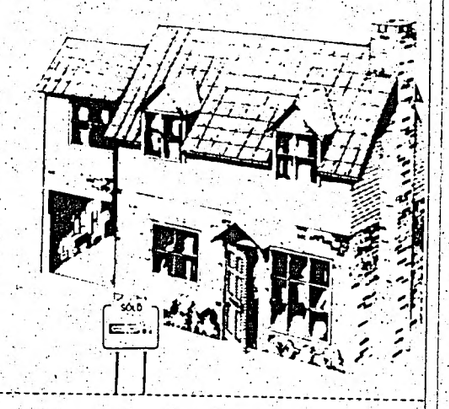

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3 bdrm., 2 storey, fin. bsmt., spotless, move-in condition. Pool-size lot.

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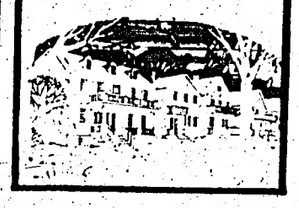

Mendelevich plots to free Soviet Jews

JERUSALEM —

Exactly 15 years after a desperate bid to flee the Soviet Union, former would-be hijacker Joseph Mendelevich pursues higher rabbinic studies in his beloved Holy City — and plots the release of other prisoners of Zion.

"An unpredictable regime rules Russia," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "While the massive internal persecutions and executions of the Stalinist years are regarded as impractical in terms of foreign relations, they are not necessarily bygones. A change in leadership or external circumstances could bring back the old ways.

"It is vital to get the Jews out as quickly as possible."

Mendelevich, 37, heads the Information Education Centre on Soviet Jewry, a new Israel-based organization working to free Soviet Jews. It is made up of former Soviet Jews.

The group lobbies, lectures and advises in Israel and North America. Spokesman Yuri Stern and director Shmuel Azach were in Ottawa and Montreal to address the 35-nation Conference of Peace and Disarmament, which was held in Canada recently within the framework of the Helsinki agreements on human rights. Group representatives may be back in North America this fall, where funds are raised.

"Most of those people who resisted and protested in the USSR continue with their efforts once they arrive in Israel," said Mendelevich. "They keep in contact with Prisoners of Zion in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev."

Centre members are currently pressing the Israeli government to exert itself more rigorously in the matter of its thousand new citizens in the Soviet Union. "We want the citizenship that the Knesset decreed on 1,000 Jews in Russia to be more than just a gesture or something honorary," said Mendelevich. "it has to help them get out . . . or what's the point?"

Israeli citizenship was decreed for a list of 1,000 leading Soviet-Jewish activists and Prisoners of Zion some months ago. Delivery of the official papers to each person was carried out with some difficulty, according to Mendelevich. Holland, which looks after Israel's official interests in the USSR, refused to deliver the citizenship papers after it was warned against doing so by Moscow.

"We are meeting with various Israeli Knesset members to urge the government's more forceful attention to the matter," he said.

With increased funding, the Centre will do more, both in terms of demonstrations and influencing government policy. "Demonstrations succeed in getting the Russians to negotiate," Mendelevich explained. **"But we also have to have something to offer the Russians once they come to the table. If no one is willing to pay, they won't sell. The Jews are a commodity."**

The U.S., in terms of food, technology and improved relations, is the potential trading partner with the most influence on the USSR. The lack of an American consensus in dealing with the Soviet Union, however, has hamstrung efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry, says Mendelevich.

"The Russians agreed to a U.S. deal of 1974, which granted them preferred nation status in trade if they allowed 50,000 Jews to exit yearly. The snag came in the implementation. The Russians asked for $3 billion in trade credits, a kind of loan, with which to buy the U.S. goods. Those who didn't want their country to develop relations with Russia pressured the Senate to authorize no more than $300 million in credits. The Russians predictably refused," explained Mendelevich.

The deal, he added, continues to be a bone of contention in the wrangling over the Jews. The Russians want preferential trade with no concomitant conditions; they are offering a one-time release of 50,000 Jews for the cancelation of the stipulations. The reaction has been threefold, in government and Soviet Jewry circles. Some want to accept the Soviet offer. Others refuse. Still others would accept the Soviet offer and cancel the stipulation providing the Soviets also declare that in principle all Soviet Jews, estimated at between two and three million, would be free to leave.

"All parties have to be approached and convinced to act in unity," he said.

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Mendelevich predicts that celebrated dissident Ida Nudel will be released by the Soviets soon. "She is suffering from stomach cancer," he said. Her death in their hands would be embarrassing."

The position of another Prisoner of Zion, Josef Begun, "is very hard indeed." He recently competed a 3-month hunger strike because prison authorities refused to let him wear a kipa. Very little has been heard from him since, an ominous sign.

Mendelevich was freed in February, 1981, one year short of completing the full sentence of 12 years for attempted hijacking imposed upon him by the Soviet courts. His release, sparked by a meeting between World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman and then Soviet Ambassador Alexander Dobrynin in 1980, followed years of efforts by various Jewish organizations and the U.S. and Israeli governments. He was due to have been released earlier with a group of other dissidents that included Nudel and Anatoly Scharansky, upon the U.S. Senate's ratification of Salt II — but the Senate failed to ratify the nuclear arms limitations treaty.

A number of Mendelevich's fellow would-be hijackers were released during the Salt-II negotiations in 1979.

On the morning of June 15, 1970, 12 people, including a couple of non-Jews, were arrested at Leningrad's Smolny Airport as they prepared to board a small passenger craft which they planed to hijack out of the country. They were to have been its sole passengers. Erle Stanley Gardner of Perry Mason fame might have termed the whole episode The Case of the Doomed Desperados.

Dissension, indecision and dire misgivings hampered the participants from the start. These were later reinforced by increasing suspicions of surveillance, which haunted the final month and a half of preparation. According to testimony, the airport arrest by dozens of plainclothes KGB and police brought welcome relief to most of the participants.

Eleven faced the dock in a combination show trial and deterrent action. The sentences were stiff, ranging from four to 15 years imprisonment with hard labor — and death. International revulsion and protest resulted in the sentences' alleviation.

Where are the Leningrad Eleven now?

Aleksei Murzhenko, 43, freed a year ago, is still in the USSR. **Yuri Federov,** about the same age, is completing his full 15-year sentence; his release is imminent. **Eduard Kuznetsov,** 44, is a broadcast news editor in West Germany.

All the others are in Israel: **Mark Dymshits,** the would-be pilot, and **Silva Zalmanson,** working at Israel Airport Industries; the latter's brother **Israel** marrying a few months ago after finishing a business management course at Tel Aviv University; **Boris Penson,** a painter in Netanya; **Anatoli Altman,** working in a Haifa factory after a stint on a kibbutz; **Arie Knoch,** an electrician at Tadiran; and **Mendel Bodina.**

Mendelevich wrote an account of his hijack experience and subsequent trial and imprisonment, which has just been published in Hebrew, by Keter. It is selling steadily, he reports. An English translation may be available soon, through Artscroll Publishers. At least one person is looking into making a film about his experience.

"I survived with the help of God," he said. "Who knows? If I hadn't taken part in that hijack episode, I might still not be here in Israel to this day."

Business Outlook

"Jewishness never a hindrance"

Firm's growth pleases young AmEx president

By
VIVIEN SHARON

MARKHAM, Ont. — "Thank goodness for Shabbat . . . it's the only time I get to unwind," says Morris Perlis, president and general manager of American Express Canada, Inc., who, at 36, is the youngest president in the history of the international company and its first Canadian chief executive officer.

He also happens to be a strictly traditional Jew who eats only kosher food, leaves early on Fridays and is conspicuously absent on Jewish holidays.

"I am what I am," says Perlis in his executive suite furnished with plush taupe broadloom and sofa, mahogany desk and wall unit, and quite simply, suggests all the trappings of success. "It is important to be up front early in one's career. My Jewishness was never a hindrance."

In fact, he says that the chairman of the company, in Manhattan, consults him before scheduling international meetings so they do not conflict with Jewish holidays. "They have been more than accommodating. I suppose they have had to co-adapt."

Morris Perlis

Perlis' power is formidable for a young executive who just six years ago joined American Express Canada as vice-president, sales.

He has an MBA in finance and marketing from York University, and held positions with the Bank of Montreal and General Foods prior to joining the company in 1979. After a brief stint in the U.S., he returned to Canada as president in September 1984.

"American Express has been conducting business in Canada since 1850," says Perlis, who is a director of the Tourism Industries Association of Canada. He is also a board member of his synagogue in Thornhill, Beth Avraham Yaacov and of JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services).

"Today we have approximately 1,400 employees across Canada who provide card, travelers' checks and travel services to customers throughout the country," says Perlis, who oversees American Express Travel Related Services for Canada.

"American Express is not a traditional, staid, conservative organization," he says over a cup of coffee served on delicate china. "We are an explosive company; our marketing approach is aggressive, bold and imaginative. We flourish in an atmosphere of excitement and energy, where people with drive and commitment stand out and are rewarded."

If the company's growth rate is any indication, Perlis has every reason to smile. In the past year alone, in excess of 400 new jobs have been created in Canada.

The company's Markham headquarters north of Steeles and Warden, aptly called American Express Place, is slowly bursting at its seams.

Built almost two years ago, the modern glass and concrete edifice which sits on a hillside overlooking 22 acres of land, has already surpassed the Phase One stage of its expansion, which was projected to last until 1990.

Phase Two, now underway, is slated for completion in 18 months. It is estimated that the addition will add approximately 400 new jobs.

"My office is not an ivory tower," says Perlis, who describes his role as an "accessible communicator, facilitator, listener and avid sales executive.

"In this job you have a vision of where the company is going and why. The driving force is based on open aggressiveness and a search for excellence. We're selling image, good service and our customers' peace of mind while they are traveling."

Perlis says that he keeps his priorities largely in check because of his wife Sarah, and their three sons, Alan, 8, and twins Nathan and Hershel, 5. "They make me realize that there are more important things in life than just business.

"I try to keep travel to a minimum and prefer to work at home in the evenings rather than in the office or downtown," adds Perlis, whose children attend the Leslie branch of Associated Hebrew Schools.

"I am responsible for many lives and careers; the business is with me all the time — here, on the beach or in an airplane. There is always something brewing."

He tells this reporter that after the interview he is scheduled to play on the company's executive baseball team, and then must hurry home to watch his sons' soccer tournament. "I firmly believe in active parenting.

"If it weren't for the tranquility of Shabbat and my family, I would never be able to relax," says Perlis, leaning back in his armchair, reflecting. "Sarah keeps my feet on the ground."

Drop in oil consumption takes power from OPEC

JERUSALEM — "OPEC can no longer use oil as a weapon," said York University professor Sally Zerker in a recent lecture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Her lecture, "OPEC: The last gasp?" was part of the Hebrew University's program of Canadian studies, established by the government of Canada and Dr. Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto.

Zerker said the worldwide drop in oil consumption is the main reason behind OPEC's downward slide. Since 1982, overall world oil consumption has dropped by 9%.

"At present, we have a very interesting phenomenon, because the Gross National Product of many Western countries is going up while their energy consumption is going down. Our economies have been altered at a basic level by using less energy to produce more goods," she said.

A second reason for OPEC's fall has been price-cutting by non-member oil producing countries. "An ominous sign for OPEC was the number of Third-World countries which had recently discovered oil entering the world market," she said.

Zerker cited Egypt, Syria, Oman, Tunisia, Malaysia, Zaire, Cameroon, India, Colombia, Peru, Argentina and Brazil as threats to OPEC because of their willingness to undercut market prices as a means of bringing money into their troubled economies.

She added that OPEC has also been facing price slashing from within its own ranks. "As a member of OPEC, Nigeria will continue to be a problem. A nation of hungry people, it is constantly breaking OPEC's set prices to bring in money."

Zerker added that although OPEC is besieged by a variety of problems, many of its members are not doing as badly as they appear to be.

"Saudi Arabia, in particular, is not badly off, because the country is in a positive position to have a reduced income. All of the Saudi crying in public is a propaganda device," she said, adding the country can still afford to fund the PLO. "The Saudis are happy to pay hush money to terrorist groups to keep terrorism from their own shores."

Tax removed from some goods

OTTAWA — A number of consumer goods are being affected by a removal of some exemption from federal sales tax. As of July 1, the tax exemption is lifted on a number of products.

- candy and confectionery
- pet food
- soft drinks, including carbonated beverages, non-carbonated fruit-flavored beverages containing less than 25% natural fruit juice, and concentrates for making these beverages.
- health goods such as medicated creams, lotions, shampoos, soaps and bandages.

The exemption will remain for prescription drugs, feminine hygiene products, contraceptives and certain biological drugs which can be acquired without prescription such as insulin and vaccines.

- surgical and dental instruments, X-ray apparatus and X-ray film.
- wood-burning stoves wind deflectors, heat pumps, solar heaters panels and furnaces, insulation materials, wind generators and windmills, wind deflectors and other such goods.

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Business Outlook

Levine climbs corporate ladder

Accountant thrives on working with people

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO—

High above Bay St. in the Commerce Court complex is a working symbol of the impact women are beginning to have on finance and management.

Shelley Levine is a chartered accountant and the first female partner in the Canadian branch of the accounting firm Ernst & Whinney.

The company has more than 80 offices worldwide and according to Levine the Canadian branch, depending on how it is ranked, is the 10th largest accounting firm in Canada.

Levine came to Ernst & Whinney in 1972 shortly after completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Toronto, and began working in her current speciality of taxation.

Shelley Levine

She fulfilled the CA requirements in 1974 and became a partner in April of this year. She is the author of: Canada's U.S. Employment Transfers, a book on Canada-U.S. tax issues.

"Accountancy is behind all the other professions in being desirable as a career for women and there's still not a lot of women in it," says Levine.

But she says she has never looked upon herself as being simply a token member of her firm: "When you're hired in that situation, you know they want you here. Perhaps some people in the firm look at me like that, but I never felt that way."

Levine's interest in business and ultimately accounting began as "a natural follow-up to mathematics." But it is "the relationship with clients," that maintains her fascination.

"I guess I really thrive on dealing with the kind of people I deal with. In any given day you can be working with tremendously different problems," she says.

Many people hold conservative views about what an accountant does, Levine notes. They believe that accountants simply "massage numbers," but, "really a very little amount of your time is spent with numbers.

Creates controversy

"Most of your time is spent with concepts and theories of what you want to do to help the client with a certain transaction."

Levine and her husband Aubrey, who teaches computer science and business courses at Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate Institute in Scarborough, are expecting their first child this month.

She plans to return to work as soon as "I am physically ready to do so," and admits that even though mothers have worked outside the home for years, it still creates controversy.

But her firm has been accommodating and understanding and she is confident that she and her husband will be able to juggle the demands of parenthood and career.

Though some may see her as a role model to be emulated, Levine emphasizes: "I'm not trying to prove a point by being here. I just want to work."

Safeway sells to Oshawa

TORONTO —

Oshawa Group Ltd., which operates the Food City chain and IGA stores, is taking over 22 Safeway supermarkets in southern Ontario and their Lucerne Dairy next month.

Anouncement of the sale by Safeway to Oshawa was announced last week.

Some of the Safeway stores will likely be converted to IGA franchises and some will remain company owned, either as IGAs or Food City supermarkets, according to Sam Crystal, Oshawa Group vice-president.

This is the second major acquisition by the Oshawa Group in the past few weeks. The firm recently paid $20 million for most of the Nova Scotia wholesaling and retailing operations of Dominion Stores Ltd. No figure was announced so far in the Safeway acquisition.

Community leader Ray Wolfe is chairman and chief executive officer of the Oshawa Group.

SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM

Lou Greenbaum (right) president of Runnymede Development Corporation presents a check for $500 for new playground equipment to Bernie Green and Karen Freedman of the Spring Farm Ratepayers Association, as Mayor Lorna Jackson of Vaughan looks on. The money will be used to support a program to replace existing playground facilities with safer equipment in Gallanough Park in the Spring Farm community of Thornhill. The presentation was made at the recent annual Spring Farm picnic.

Israelis use bank service

TEL AVIV —

Bank Hapoalim BM (parent of Bank Hapoalim Canada) reports that self-service banking is becoming a reality for Israelis, and it is expanding its network of automated facilities.

A national campaign was launched recently throughout Bank Hapoalim's 338 branches in Israel to increase the use of self-service facilities by granting savings to those who bank without teller assistance.

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